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10/2/59

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

BILL ALBERTSON
IS-C

Identity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 9/20/59 (BILL ALBERTSON) contacted CONNIE (BART) and asked for PHIL (BART) but was advised that he is out as he has to do something that evening. ALBERTSON wanted to know if BART had solved the problem of the plot. CONNIE said the plot was all taken care of and he will be in contact with them tomorrow. ALBERTSON also said that he had a meeting all day and it was a success.

1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1- New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1- New York (100-129629) (416)

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SA HARRY P. QUINN

BOB COE
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Identity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Reliability: Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date: 9/10/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 9/10/59, PHIL (BART) contacted ROSE and BOB (COE). They told PHIL that they split the family for vacation. BOB and [redacted] went up to New Hampshire, and ROSE [redacted] stayed "here"; because [redacted] - Pittsburgh; [redacted] leaves next week.

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PHIL said he contacted BOB about this auto repair thing. BOB told him the place is at 812 Remson Ave., telephone # HY 5-9233, ask for [redacted] and to mention BOB's name. BOB told PHIL that ROXY, the girl who used to work with "us" came to see him that day and she mentioned seeing PHIL at "a certain exhibition". BOB said she works nearby and will be in again from time to time.

BOB also said he met some interesting people up there (N.H.), but had bad weather. BOB and PHIL agreed to get together soon. PHIL said he would probably be busy until after the 40th anniversary on the 25th and asked if BOB had seen the current issue of "PA".

- 1- New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (422)
- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York (100-) (ROSE COE) (422)
- 1- New York (100-66938) (422)

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TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-56579)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
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NY 1750-S* advised 10/6/59, that the subject had contacted SID TAYLOR in New Haven, Conn. and made arrangements to meet with him at 6:00 PM, at 120 Valley Street, New Haven, on Friday, 10/9/59. TAYLOR instructed that when BART got to New Haven, he (BART) should call him from the Three Judges Restaurant.

Source advised that subject later told his wife that he has been trying to get together with TAYLOR for over six months and now TAYLOR says he is too busy, and tried to "wiggle out." He said he plans to see TAYLOR Friday night, stay over, and then "pick up" his wife Saturday.

As per recent Bureau instructions re the travel of CP National Functionaries, New Haven is requested to surveil the subject to determine his contacts, except when he is in the company of an informant or covered by a source.

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SAC (100-31723)

9/22/59

SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES

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On 9/13/59, PH 547-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SE [redacted] that he learned b6
a man believed to be PHILIP BART telephoned NABRIED shortly after b7C
8:00 p.m., 9/13/59, and told NABRIED he had tried several times during the day to reach NABRIED without success, so he had been at the residence of JOSEPH ROBERTS for awhile. He said he would call NABRIED later in the evening. The informant learned that BART did not call back to NABRIED until after 11:00 p.m. and told NABRIED that since the hour was late he would phone NABRIED in the morning, 9/14/59, and arrange to meet with him. This was agreeable to NABRIED.

For information of New York, THOMAS NABRIED is District Chairman, CREPD. Additional information regarding BART's trip to Philadelphia will be forwarded to New York.

1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (REGISTERED MAIL)

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- 1 - 100-31723
- 1 - 100-33150 (CPUSA FACTIONALISM)
- 1 - 100-22157 (PHIL BART)
- 1 - 65-1685 (THOMAS NABRIED)
- 1 - 100-38020 (JOSEPH ROBERTS)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
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WEEKLY SUMMARY
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9/21/59

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife, CONNIE, while discussing the preparations for the funeral of ANDY ONDA mentioned EUGENE DENNIS and the subject commented that he would never be a popular leader. He said that DENNIS just isn't built for popularity but a person like BEN DAVIS is a natural. He commented that in a situation like the funeral to be held tomorrow for ANDY ONDA, DAVIS knows how to handle things and will come off just fine.

The subject's wife commented that BILL SCHNEIDERMAN from California was another person like DENNIS and she labelled ^{her} a "darnsnob".

The subject then told his wife that EUGENE DENNIS had again questioned him as to whether CONNIE was interested in coming back to the active leadership of the CP. From the discussion it appears that DENNIS wishes CONNIE BART to take some position in the National Office of the CP, USA. BART said that he told DENNIS he couldn't answer for his wife and pointed out that she had refused in the past. The subject laughingly commented that personally if the position was open and between CONNIE and BILL PATTERSON, he would vote for PATTERSON.

CONNIE BART then advised her husband when he

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said that he expected to see MORRIS CHILDS, that CHILDS "usually talks in hieroglyphics but he is supposed to be so hush hush . He should be told not to talk so freely on the telephone because if I can make out when he means then anyone else could."

The subject and his wife then discussed the coming Eastern Regional Conference of the CP, USA to be held on 9/26 and 27/59 in NY and he commented that JIM TORMEY would fit in very well and is was the type of meeting that was "right up his alley". His wife commented that she wouldn't go to the meeting if BETTY GANNETT, TORMEY's wife, wasn't going to be there. The subject commented that if GANNETT doesn't show no one would be sorry and that she is a psychopath and the worse snob he has ever known.

The subject then discussed CLARENCE HATHAWAY, Minnesota CP member, and commented that "he is coming through nicely, taking on more work and helping out a lot". BART said that when HATHAWAY was expelled from the CP he never became bitterly opposed to it. He said that DENNIS advised that HATHAWAY's political acumen is up to date even though he is 65 years old and retired. He said that HATHAWAY wrote a beautiful letter and had it circularized on why he would never talk to the FBI because it would desecrate the constitution. CONNIE commented that HATHAWAY had been expelled from the CP about the time she joined and PHIL retorted that it was about 1938. The subject then advised that "DOC" BLUMBERG is making a demand to get back into the Party and that the CP will have to consider it. CONNIE commented that if they could just get one person back from the right wing it would help. She said that it wouldn't surprise her if MARTHA STONE would

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rejoin the CP. PHIL commented that this was possible but that STONE's leaving the CP was an emotional thing and her return also would have to be emotional.

The BARTS then discussed the living standards of the leadership of the CP, USA and CONNIE said that "most of the leadership have a very high standard of living." The subject retorted that whatever they want they get or they already have.

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had spoken to ROSE HERMAN, wife of IRVING HERMAN, former Security Director of the CP Underground. The subject told her that he was attempting to get in touch with her husband to make arrangements to meet him for a talk.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed the funeral of ANDY ONDA which had taken place that day. The subject was very critical of the funeral which he said had turned into a right wing affair. He said that HY LUMER had been on the rostrum giving a talk when a letter was thrust upon him and he was told THERESA ONDA had requested it to be read. He said the letter was from AL LANNON in California and that HY did not have a chance to look at it before reading it. PHIL termed the letter a "wicked diabribes and the lowest form of gutter politics". He said the funeral was used as a display of factionalism and they used a body of a dead man to cover the occasion. He commented that BEN DAVIS had ridden in the car with him to the cemetery and was fit to be tied. He said that DAVIS had stayed up until 3:00 am that morning preparing a speech which he never got a chance to give. He commented that it was a good thing he didn't go up to WILLIAM FOSTER's apartment to get a message to read

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at the funeral as the right wing would have really jumped on that.

The subject continued that he didn't see how they could expect the cooperation of this group when they carry on as they did. He then told his wife that he didn't want "ABE" (COTTON - Kings County CP Section Organizer) to cross the threshold of their apartment for any meeting that CONNIE held there or he would throw him out bodily. He said that is how he feels about the whole situation and he feels COTTON was responsible for some of the activity at the funeral.

CONNIE BART then mentioned that there was a meeting of the Kings County CP Organizational Commission to be held in their apartment that evening. She said the purpose of the meeting was to make some determination on how to reorganize the county. The subject commented that Kings County didn't need to hold so many meetings.

The subject and his wife again discussed the ONDA funeral and the subject commented that when he dies he wanted to have a private funeral without any speeches and CONNIE laughingly commented that she probably would be the only one to attend his funeral.

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had been in contact with an unsub female and that they had discussed "the terrible situation at the ONDA funeral" that day. The subject advised that he had made all the arrangements for the main part of the funeral and had made sure that they had enough money to pay for it. He stated that after they got the money they told him to "go to hell".

BART continued that the entire National Leadership had gone to the funeral, however, not one of them was invited to participate in even the smallest

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way. He said the Party had made arrangements for speakers and had proposed people who would fit in to whatever way THERESA ONDQ wanted. He said they were told to keep hands off and that everything was taken care of. He said he had not learned about CHARLIE LOMAN coming until late the previous evening and that the others didn't know until that morning. He said that those persons who had made these arrangements had been in touch with the CP the whole time and it only showed that they were not dealing honestly and that the whole thing was factional.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed the new labor bill that had been passed by Congress and the subject commented that the CP was studying all sides of it in order to find out how they could best fight it. He commented that the CP is mentioned in the bill and that they want to fight this, but he thinks unless they are injured by it they will not do anything about it.

The subject later told his wife that he expected to be out of New York City on CP business from 10/2 to 10/5/59.

They both then discussed the 40th Anniversary of the CP and the celebration to be held on 9/25/59 at Carnegie Hall. The subject commented that he didn't want to sit on the stage at this affair and he would get out of it by saying that he didn't wish to because his wife would not be able to. They both then discussed the previous evening's meeting of the Kings County CP Organizational Commission which was held

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in their apartment and he commented that the meeting was much too long. They discussed DANNY RUBEL, Kings County Organizational Secretary, and the subject commented that he is one of the old line organizers and that his methods are too mechanical and out of date. CONNIE commented that they would like to give him another job but that they just couldn't dump him in spite of the fact that he isn't doing his job. They both then mentioned JIM TORMEY and PHIL commented that TORMEY is too much of a one man operation and that he wouldn't ask anyone for help. He said that TORMEY won't even even discuss his problems with him and that he has access to a lot of other people besides himself who could help him, but he continues to act like the messiah who has come to save the CP. He said that TORMEY feels that he is the only one who can do this. The subject commented that TORMEY is right in going to and speaking to the rank and file but that he also should come to the leadership and tell them what he is doing.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife discussed the celebration to be held the following evening at Carnegie Hall and the subject commented that EUGENE DENNIS had spent two days getting a speech ready but that when he heard CBS was to cover it he had to rewrite the entire thing. BART commented that MIKE WALLACE, TV Interviewer, has been anxious to get a National Functionary on his program and has been bothering them for months.

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had been in contact with IRVING UERMAN and they had discussed the factionalist situation surrounding the

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ONE A funeral. They both then made arrangements to meet on either Wednesday or Thursday of the following week.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed the meeting of the Eastern Regional Conference of the CP held that day and the subject was highly critical of the poor attendance. They both criticized JIM TORNEY and his wife, BETTY GANNETT, for leaving the meeting early. The subject commented that TORNEY should be called Mr. GANNETT as he is "just her lackey".

They both complained about the fact that there was no one at the conference from the New York State CP leadership and PHIL commented that he heard that BILL ALBERTSON had held a meeting somewhere else that day. He also mentioned LOTTIE GORDON (New Jersey CP Organizational Secretary) and her husband DAVE and commented that PAT TOONEY can't stand either of them.

CONNIE BART advised that she thought she may decide to speak on the second day of the conference, the following day and that she would raise the question of "utilization of people in the field of organization". CONNIE asked PHIL why PAT TOONEY was made chairman of the first day's session and PHIL commented that JACK STACHEL had nominated JIM JACKSON but that they changed their minds because they didn't want it to look like the whole affair was being run by the National Office.

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The subject later commented to his wife that he thought he would go to Philadelphia on CP business around the 5th of October.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-12481)

10.5.59

SA ROBERT L. PIETSON (#415)

BERNARD ADES
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Source: NY 1857-S*
Characterization: who has furnished reliable information in the past

On 9/22/59, NY 1857-S* advised that on that date ADES commented on a meeting in the Bronx organized by CP sections. ADES said that GUS HALL had come to the meeting and made a speech. In this speech HALL had stated that they should get back into the party everyone who has indicated a desire to return. ADES commented that [redacted] who used to be on the County Committee but left the party and is now on the Executive Committee of the ISP, was at this meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting [redacted] came to NIMI (FRIEDLANDER) and said she would like to discuss rejoining the party. NIMI advised [redacted] that she would have to leave the ISP before being considered for readmission to the CP.

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ADES said that they then had a meeting on this question. The meeting was comprised of WILLIAM ALBERTSON, PHILIP BART, NIMI FRIEDLANDER and the section chairman, at which FRIEDLANDER said [redacted] could not be taken back into the party. ADES indicated that he had submitted his views in writing concerning the statements made by HALL as opposed to the action taken by the above group. According to this source FRIEDLANDER told [redacted] that she has to find a way to follow out party policy in the ISP.

- 1 - [redacted] (426)
- 1 - (100-135320) (ISP) (413)
- 1 - (100-) (GUS HALL) (415)
- 1 - (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
- 1 - (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - (100-) (CP, USA Bronx County)
- 1 - New York (100-12481)

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ADES said that he has received a note from ALBERTSON indicating that they were having a State Board meeting on the problem of the ISP and that they would like him to participate in the discussion. ADES indicated that he had no interest in the ISP because the ISP is breaking up, that the problem is not the ISP but how to re-establish relations with the ISP people. ADES criticized the current leadership indicating a wide difference of known policy amongst the various leaders.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BOSTON (100-16707) DATE: 10/6/59

FROM : SAC, NY (100-2520)

SUBJECT: SCOTT NEARING
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NY 2010-S* has reported that [redacted] conferred with OAKLEY JOHNSON on 9/2/59, and JOHNSON informed her that he had finished her pamphlet the previous evening and had sent her a report in the form of a note.

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- 3 - Boston (100-16707)(RM)
- (1- 100-1270)(DIRK J. STRUIK)
- 1 - Chicago (100-33860)(EUGENE FELDMAN)(RM)
- 2 - San Francisco (100-45156)(HORACE CAYTON)(RM)
- (1- 61-401)(REVELS CAYTON)
- 1 - NY (100-32826)(JAMES ALLEN)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-54190)(HENRY BLACK)(422)
- 1 - NY (100-60681)(ISABELLA BLACK)(422)
- 1 - NY (100-82905)(WILBUR BROMS)(422)
- 1 - NY (100-26437)(EDWIN BERRY BURGUM)(425)
- 1 - NY (100-124793)(LILY BURKE)
- 1 - NY (100-87531)(SHIRLEY GRAHAM DUBOIS)(421)
- 1 - NY (100-46469)(JOSEPH FELSHIN)(41)
- 1 - NY (100-1696)(ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-13483)(BETTY GANNETT)(416)
- 1 - NY [redacted]
- 1 - NY (100-16785)(JAMES JACKSON)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-50842)(OAKLEY JOHNSON)(425)
- 1 - NY [redacted]
- 1 - NY [redacted]
- 1 - NY (100-84275)(WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)(415)
- 1 - NY [redacted]
- 1 - NY [redacted]
- 1 - NY (100-21421)(ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-2520)

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It is believed that the conference had as its subject matter the [redacted] copy of which was provided by NY 2002-S* on 9/9/59. The copy provided by NY 2002-S* is in the form of a mimeographed draft which describes the work as a pamphlet by [redacted] on the life of HIRAM REVELS, a Negro who represented Mississippi in the US Senate from 1870 to 1871. A covering letter written by [redacted] and addressed in blank asked for criticism and suggestions.

Continuing the conference, JOHNSON said he supposed that [redacted] really wanted HORACE (CAYTON) to write the introduction. [redacted] said that she really wanted PAT (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON). She said HORACE CAYTON could be a reviewer if he was so disposed and a good one too, but she really wanted PATTERSON because a strong person is needed to bring out certain principles. JOHNSON agreed it would be a good idea and said he was thinking HORACE CAYTON would be good to write an introduction. However, [redacted] said she thought it would be a better plan to have a strong political figure do that and save HORACE CAYTON for a review.

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[redacted] went on to say that she had not heard from HORACE CAYTON and in fact had not heard from anybody. [redacted] then asked him what he thought generally of her manuscript. He said he thought it is very good and he liked it. He noted he had made two small suggestions in his note.

[redacted] remarked that it is a little bit discouraging not having heard anything and the only one she had heard from were those not connected "with you know who I mean". She identified ISABELLA (BLACK) and LILLY BURKE as those she had heard from but she pointed out that these persons do not depend in any way on "you know." Others she said had told her frankly that they did not want to read it - that they have no time - they cannot be bothered - their interests lie in other directions, and they simply returned the manuscript without reading it. Some of this she expected but did not anticipate it to be as wide-spread as it has proved to be. [redacted] said

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she had not heard a word from (EUGENE) FELDMAN although she had written him a personal letter with it, and she knew it was received because it was not returned. She then noted that the two comments she had received from the two who had read it were extremely enthusiastic, but they were not the people who count and their livelihood and publications do not depend on us. She went on to say that BETTY (GANNETT) after taking the manuscript from her three weeks before and saying very enthusiastically that she was going to read it over the weekend has since said that she was too busy and she did not think that she would get around to it.

[redacted] said this is not altogether unexpected but the extent of it was horrifying. Further she said that even if they wanted to read it and and give a negative opinion, it would be something.

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Next [redacted] informed JOHNSON that she had only heard verbally from ISABELLA BLACK and LILY BURKE, but she said they would both write out an opinion if she asked them to do so. [redacted] explained that BURKE is having a novel published but that does not depend on us "in any way" and ISABELLA BLACK has all kinds of ins with various publications and she too does not depend on us. [redacted] also said that she could not catch BETTY (GANNETT) since she knows GANNETT is busy, but remarked that GANNETT had shown enthusiasm when she said she would have a comment on it on a Monday morning, three weeks ago, now when [redacted] sees her in the building she just runs in the other direction and people have noticed that she just cannot run fast enough.

JOHNSON then observed that when his book came out the first review appeared about ten months after publication.

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[] rejoined that she has the opposite trouble. Never has any trouble getting reviews once she is published. She said she has a corps of very loyal friends who are willing to go and punch the editors in the nose as well as write reviews. Her troubles she said end with publication. She said that JOHNSON was not as determined as she is on the review question, [] explaining that she just goes around and makes a pest of herself.

[] then went on to say that she would have to wait a little while on FELDMAN and then write him again. She explained that "we" have no control over FELDMAN, with which JOHNSON agreed.

Next ELIZABETH remarked that their meeting is for the 20th which JOHNSON said was correct. JOHNSON said that he had not sent out letters yet.

[] said she was a little less pressed for time after finishing the pamphlet, but was doing some mopping up operations in the library, noting that some doctoral dissertations had come in on her subject as well as other subjects that she desired to read. In view of this free time, she volunteered to give any help that JOHNSON might need in the way of letter writing or campaigning. JOHNSON said that that would help a lot.

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[] then asked JOHNSON if he had a list of those who had attended and JOHNSON said that he did have the list consisting of 13. [] said that she recalled an individual and in conversation this person was identified as [] as a young slight fellow who used to be in the "Ed" department. A description with which JOHNSON agreed. JOHNSON furnished [] address as [] New York 16. At this point, [] pointed out that if there were only 13, he could eliminate the listing of themselves, as well as ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and JULIUS (LNU). JOHNSON then mentioned EDWIN BERRY BURGUM, whose address was given by JOHNSON as 110 West 94th Street, New York 25. JOHNSON next identified

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[redacted] did not remember. JOHNSON described her as a school teacher at present but among those dropped. [redacted] address was given by him as [redacted] Brooklyn 10. JOHNSON next mentioned WILL BROMS. Upon mention of this name [redacted] asked if he was a historian and JOHNSON explained that BROMS is a musician and a singer. [redacted] then asked why he was interested in them. JOHNSON said that he was interested in having the Irish written up and JOHNSON recalled that BROMS had spoken of that topic on the evening (apparently of their meeting). JOHNSON gave BROMS' address as 1802 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn 30.

JOHNSON went on to list [redacted] LILLY BURKE, [redacted] whose address was given in care of Action Books, 550 5th Avenue, New York 36. JOHNSON went on to say that the only other ones that [redacted] did not have are people who are writers who are not very close. [redacted] said she did not want them and then went on to note that JOHNSON had two of those with which JOHNSON agreed.

[redacted] said that she would send copies of her manuscript to those people. JOHNSON asked if [redacted] had sent a copy to DIRK J. STRUIK and [redacted] said she had never thought of him. JOHNSON explained that he has been very friendly and when asked if he is a historian, JOHNSON described him as a scientist but interested in something about American philosophers.

[redacted] said that she would prepare a number of extra copies and bring them to the meeting and would hand them out there.

JOHNSON said that STRUIK would not come to the meeting because he is in Massachusetts, and he did not think STRUIK is interested in meetings.

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JOHNSON then suggested the name of SCOTT NEARING of Harborside, Maine.

[] said that she had sent out copies of her manuscript to members of the Negro Commission and Southern Commission, but JIM (JAMES JACKSON) for example, as she put it, got as far as reading two pages and then decided he could not be bothered. She said he stated he liked the two pages he read. However, [] said that obviously there has been something going on, saying that after she had published "Reign of Riches" (PH) JACKSON had approached her and swore that she would never publish anything again if he could prevent it, saying that right to my face.

JOHNSON told her not to mind that, that she had produced a good piece of work and it is going to be published.

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When JOHNSON asked her if she had tried JOE FELSHIN, [] said that she is not going to do that because JAMES ALLEN had come around asking for a copy. Although she said he has not read it he had asked for a copy and then asked if she had considered their publishing it, if they liked it. She noted that he had taken a copy three weeks before, saying he would read it immediately, but not a word has been heard from him.

JOHNSON said he thought a good deal of what JIM ALLEN says and he thought ALLEN would be in favor of it, although he thought ALLEN does not have a decisive voice though it is a big one.

To this [] observed that PHIL BART had been telling her that "the mustache" (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG) would not be able to work longer in the old way, however, BART had also said that he cannot be bothered reading the manuscript. JOHNSON explained that some of those people do not read manuscripts and never have done so in their lives.

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[] then went back to the matter of an introduction and said she thought it would be better to have a leading political figure like PAT (PATTERSON), bring out the Marxist point of view. She said that HORACE (CAYTON) does it they would have no control and cannot say he must not do this or that. On the other hand, she said PATTERSON would not even have to be told. She said HORACE CAYTON will do very well as a book reviewer if he will consent to do anything. [] said she had not heard from HORACE CAYTON as yet although very anxious to hear from him because if there was any inaccuracy in her manuscript, she wanted to know about it. JOHNSON said that in his letter to HORACE CAYTON, he mentioned her manuscript in commending terms.

[] explained that she was using his brother's address in San Francisco in order to reach HORACE CAYTON. She said she was told by SHIRLEY (DUBOIS) that that was the best and only way of which they knew in order to get in touch with him because HORACE CAYTON had left town rather suddenly and had gone to the West Coast. [] said she had sent HORACE CAYTON a copy in care of REVELS CAYTON, marking it "please forward if necessary." She went on to say that REVELS CAYTON is such a lazy son of a gun that rather than lift a finger and get a two cent stamp and forward the damn thing, he would just let it lie around. She said that she had known REVELS CAYTON for years.

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[] said that nobody else seems to have anything better in the way of an address for HORACE CAYTON, including the people with whom he was staying in New York. What HORACE CAYTON did, she said was tell the people with whom he was staying to send mail in care of his brother and then he would let them know his address. However, he never did let anybody know. [] said that REVELS CAYTON had not been too well which may account for that oversight.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, PHILADELPHIA

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 10/6/59

CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

This letter is submitted to disseminate to individual case files the following information which was furnished to the Bureau and interested offices by airtel on 9/28/59.

- 3- Philadelphia (Info) (RM)
 - (1- 100- THOMAS NABRIED)
 - (1- 100- BILL, LNU as reported by NY 2693-S* on 9/27/59)
- 1- New York (100-89590) (CP, USA-Strategy in Industry) (415)
- 1- New York (100-80640) (CP, USA-Negro Question) (415)
- 1- New York (100-86624) (CP, USA-International Relations) (415)
- 1- New York (100-80644) (CP, USA-Youth Matters) (415)
- 1- New York (97-169) (Publishers New Press) (415)
- 1- New York (100-113830) (MARVIN STERN) (416)
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- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
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- 1- New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
- 1- New York (100-84275) (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-54555) (EVELYN WIENER) (424)
- 1- New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (415)
- 1- New York (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (415)
- 1- New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
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Confidential informant NY 2693-S* advised first session of Eastern Seaboard Conference convened at 10:58 AM 9/26/59, in Room 11-H, Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Avenue, NYC. Following CP functionaries observed entering or leaving Adelphi Hall 9/26/59:

MARVIN STERN
RUTH SHULMAN
/ PHIL BART
CONNIE BART
MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER
JAMES JACKSON
LOU MOROZE (Newark)

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IDA POSNER
JACK STACHEL
WILLIAM PATTERSON
SID TAYLOR (New Haven)
PAT TOOHEY (Newark)
EVELYN WIENER
BETTY GANNETT
JIM TORMEY
LOTTIE GORDON (Newark)

The meeting was called to order by an unmale at 10:58 AM. This individual stated the Conference was called to discuss problems of Party organization. He stated it would be a 2-day conference to be conducted more or less informally with free discussions.

PAT TOOHEY was nominated Chairman for the session.

A person believed to be PAT TOOHEY stated the Conference was initiated to consider problems of Party organization and plans for the 17th National Convention.

A speaker (believed to be PAT TOOHEY) opened his report by commenting on the problems facing the US today. In this connection, mentioned the steel strike, the status of the labor movement, the struggle for civil liberties, and the fight against "McCarthyism". He condemned the new labor law saying it goes far beyond the Taft-Hartley law.

He stated the Party is more consolidated today than it was 2 years ago and is entering into mass activities on many fronts such as youth marches and other fields of political work; but stated some districts have failed to reorganize. In this connection, he mentioned Connecticut, Pennsylvania and "certain Western districts".

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He declared the Party must develop its vanguard role in unions and mass organizations by examining specifically situations in unions, and the leadership of mass movements, in order to influence and develop such forces as: 1) working class, 2) Negro peoples movements, and 3) middle classes; by giving them leadership and direction.

He stated the Party must continually fight for legality in the US to prevent its becoming isolated from the masses. In this connection, he mentioned the Smith Act, the McCarran Act, and loyalty tests. He declared the monopolists in the US are trying to isolate and destroy the forces of Marxism-Leninism. This, according to the speaker "is the main problem we face in Party organization".

He cited the fact that approximately 1,800 various institutions in the US are studying and publishing works on Marxism; not for the purpose of fostering Marxism, but to destroy it.

He stated the problems of organization "facing us" are different from those facing labor unions, etc., in that "we are faced with illegality". He cited the problem of illegality as being paramount in any question concerning Party organization.

He stated that Party work can be furthered if "we" speak up about our achievements, develop "our" mass line and crystallize that bridge between "us" and the masses.

An unmale believed to be from New Jersey, identified himself as one who has devoted his life to the CP, spoke of the obligations of the Party to "the millions of workers" stating the Party must resolve its internal problems in order to show that it can give leadership to the masses on the many issues confronting them. He noted that the basic unit of the Party organization is the Club. Party members should live and fight with the masses in slum areas.

An individual believed to be [redacted] cited the labor movement as being the major problem facing the

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Party. In the 1930's the Party made its greatest gains in the labor movement. In 1959 there were 16,000,000 organized in unions and 65,000,000 employed. The Party's banner slogan should be "organize the unorganized".

[redacted] of the Negro question stating that the key weakness of the Party is the lack of synchronization in the Party apparatus where the Negro people are concerned.

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An unname stated that in his area the Party is engaged in steel strike work. With respect to "organizing the unorganized", he observed that the Party played an active role among the laundry workers. He then spoke of the Negro question, noting the loss of Negro comrades during past 10 years; but claiming that at the present time there is real Negro-White unity. The speaker then mentioned the problem of lack of assignments to comrades on the club level, stating that on the club level, work must be found which would be suitable to the individual comrades.

An individual whose identity was not known to the informant commented that the Party's sympathizers go undercover more than "we" do. He said the Party has been thrown into a situation where "we" have established high bureaucracy with an abandonment of initiative on the part of lower level Party organizations. He concluded that the emphasis must be on strengthening the club and making it the most important segment of the Party.

An unidentified Negro male from Brooklyn, NY, described the "peace question" as the paramount issue. He then spoke of the need for all comrades to become involved in mass movements. He observed that in Brooklyn, "we" have been able to elect a Negro judge and for the first time in history "we" have the possibility of electing a Negro congressman from Brooklyn in 1960. He mentioned the need for youth in the Party noting that youth is "the future of our Party".

The following speaker, JAMES JACKSON, gave a lengthy explanation of what a Communist is and how one should act. He said "a Communist aspires to be the best person among the people he is a part of". Communists are not a cult but a part of the community.

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The Party club has two phases: 1) the activity of people who do not work openly but who influence non-Communists to the benefit of the Party, and 2) direct and open activity. The Party should appreciate the number one phase as much as open activity. There are certain negative tendencies in the Party. Liberalism in matter of organization is one of these. Clubs should be fully prepared for meetings they hold. "The Communists are the only people in the world who will convene and then ask what we should talk about". Some clubs have "isolationist" tendencies. They oppose delay in reacting to events, to "zigzagging" until popular reaction is determined.

The Party's mass program is developing behind topics rather than one main item at this time and it is up to the leadership to give "composite cohesion" to bringing together these different struggles.

JACKSON said in regard to recruiting he would like to give a specific example: In a certain state in the South 2 years ago a CP member "surrounded" himself with 8 close personal friends intentionally. Of these 8, 6 were recruited into the Party and are in a Communist club today. Some of these people are in labor unions.

This method of getting on a personal basis with people and then bringing them into the Party is an excellent approach to recruiting.

JACKSON said the loss of Negro members was due to poor Party organization. He said Negroes are insecure and must be handled carefully.

Following JACKSON, a woman, believed to be EVELYN WIENER, stated there is a need to take cognizance of things that are new. She mentioned the visit by KHRUSHCHEV, and stated a new feeling of co-existence and new thinking by the American people would come out of it. It will be easier to speak to people about socialism now. It is necessary to consider the possibility of tomorrow.

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Twenty-seven Communist Party offices were opened in Cuba following the revolution, and the publication "Le Hoy" was all over the streets. This is an example of what the Party can do publicly:

The Party should go forward, and she suggested as a goal, the opening of 25 public Party headquarters. It is not enough to be at the level of the masses. Communists have to find ways of bringing the masses further. She cited the need to enhance the Party's public role, and asked those present how much time they spent in bringing the Party to non-Party people.

LOTTIE (LNU) pointed out that KHRUSHCHEV made a good impression on Americans, and this is the number one topic in the country today, and is a step toward establishing the legality of the American Communist. The Communist line should be, "Now that you have met KHRUSHCHEV, now meet the American Communist."

As an example of the new feeling engendered by KHRUSHCHEV's visit, she cited the fact that the "Freiheit" this week is publishing a 96 page edition, the largest in its history.

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON dealt almost entirely with the Negro question, and stated the Party should adopt a practical approach to the question, instead of a theoretical one, such as has been done in the last four or five years. He listed three main approaches to the Negro question:

1. The rights of Negroes nationally;
2. The rights of Negroes locally or in a particular community;
3. The rights of Negroes in the shops.

He stated that while the CP has been engaged in the Negro question on a national scale, it has failed to become involved in local or community questions concerning

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Negro rights: "We" must show the relation between peace and race, in that peace cannot be achieved as long as discrimination exists. The bringing in of Negro members into the Party is necessary to save the Party.

Following a short recess, FRANCES (LNU), an unknown female from eastern Pennsylvania, pointed out the problems in her District. Specifically, she stated that there was no problem in placing Comrades in mass work. The problem is in getting them to speak out and perform allotted CP duties. She held both her own District leadership, as well as the National leadership responsible for this condition. Commenting on the Negro question, she stated that white chauvinism is rampant in the Party today, and criticized the CP leadership for not recognizing it.

The unknown female stated that a policy, which tends to isolate the Party from the people, is wrong, and that each club must fill the Community needs. She added that in the past year, more Communists are participating in mass work.

Another unknown female said a few of the problems are subjectivity and white chauvinism. She agreed with PHIL (BART) that the American people are a major part of the peace movement. She stated that "you" cannot speak of recruiting or building the Party, unless "you" start with "The Worker". She complained that "The Worker" office closes at 5:00 PM, which is too early for any questions which working people may wish to have answered.

An unknown male stated the Party must turn to mass work. He said members have hesitation in facing the masses, mainly because of failure of leadership. He stated they must find the key issue, around which to develop activity and thereby, activate all Comrades in clubs. He stated that the question of Civil Rights can become a major campaign issue until the Republican and Democratic Conventions next year. In Philadelphia, Civil Rights, according to the unknown male, expresses itself as an issue in police brutality. This can open action for mass organization of Negroes.

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NAACP in last few years has rallied people around Supreme Court decisions. Discrimination in housing could be another issue. He suggested that the National leaders of the CP meet with youth groups for formulation of a Youth Organization. "The Worker" has not been utilized to its best advantage.

Another unknown female discussed advance of youth work in Philadelphia. She stated that they began youth work three years ago, with four or five youths, and that today over 20 youths are active. She added that a scientific approach was needed to assign people to work in mass organizations.

An unknown male from New Jersey stated that subjectivity is mentioned in national resolution. He stated that the Party had 12 organizers in New Jersey, who went the way of revisionism, but that today there is no full-time organizer. He stated that he was trying to be a full-time organizer, but that it was not working out.

An unknown male from eastern Pennsylvania then spoke. He said that Party activity in his area is centered around steel. He said that the Party line is something to be developed as one goes along; it does not apply equally in every circumstance, and he observed a lot of people including himself are very active in Democratic politics. He said the Comrades in his area have been very successful in organizing Comrades in connection with the peace movement. In connection with the lockout of a small shop in his area, Comrades had been instrumental in bringing political influence to bear on behalf of the workers. The Party work in his area has deteriorated over the years due to lack of coordinated activity. The problem is to get Comrades to spend two per cent of their time with fellow Comrades. He said mass work has also deteriorated in his district. The unknown male then criticized the conference as being a series of individual speeches rather than a true conference, that is, a discussion among the members. He said that the Party should change its entire approach on conferences, and make better use of people's time.

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An unknown female said that the Party's line should be neither too far right nor left.

It was decided to reconvene meeting, 9/27/59, at 10:00 AM. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

NY 2693-S* reported that Eastern Seaboard Conference resumed 10:15 AM, 9/27/59, with TOM NABRIED elected as chairman. NABRIED first speaker and spoke relative to importance of mass work. Spoke of significance of KHRUSHCHEV visit and said this opens extended possibilities for getting peace sentiment into mass discussions. Secondly, it means getting more people into more open discussions of socialism and key issues. We should work in organizations not openly led by "us" (CP) or the left. The CP can be bolder with respect to open activity, which should be improved. We need to say, as the report (Draft resolution) says, main stress should be on mass work. The key issues in various areas need to be determined. The masses learn through experience. NABRIED cited Philadelphia as an example and said in one area comrades are located in mass organizations but receive no guidance from the Party. On the recruiting question, NABRIED said the main emphasis should be on new people, though also recognizing possible contribution of old people who have left the Party. Further, there is a need to discuss "preservation of leadership". In Philadelphia, there is difficulty in getting people to accept leadership positions.

ARNOLD JOHNSON stated (KHRUSHCHEV) proposal at UN concerning total disarmament has a ring of reality. This is a serious and real proposal and not just a maneuver and we must take it seriously and discuss it. Through such discussions, one realizes the importance of mass work. Speaking of comrades in mass organizations, JOHNSON said these people should be approached and their observations obtained. These people must never be regarded as "second-class" members, they have the same rights as anyone else to say what the Party should be doing. We have to solve the problem of how to talk to these people and get them to participate. JOHNSON said KHRUSHCHEV's visit and speeches has been the first big trip

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for socialist propaganda since EUGENE DEBS. He said the greatest loss of Party membership occurred during period 1951-1956. These people were left "rudely and crudely" and the Party cannot afford to pass over this loss lightly.

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON spoke of the importance of "The Worker". The major task is building the paper, which is the major weapon without which nothing can be accomplished. Our work is successful to the degree in which "The Worker" is built. PATTERSON asked, "Is there anything else we have that is or can be more effective in winning the minds of the American people?" "The Worker" is the most effective and potent weapon we have in winning the ideological struggle. He commented on the use of flyers and said they were a very effective weapon. He cited an example of sending 1,000 flyers on the Negro Question to the island of Jamaica. Shortly thereafter, money was received together with a request for an additional 1,000 flyers. He stressed the point "there are millions of people looking for us but they don't know it --- because we have the answer", however, we do not always implement our answers in the right way. He said "you" have to set the stage for the circulation drive of "The Worker", which has to be built in the next period. This will be helped as a result of KHRUSHCHEV's visit which has made tens of millions of people aware of questions not known before. These people are waiting for "our" answer.

An unmale possibly ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG stated that the Party could not get along without "The Worker" and felt that every effort should be exerted toward the building up of "The Worker". He pointed out that in the field of Party literature, magazines are selling at the rate of about $\frac{1}{2}$ as before, and books and pamphlets at about $\frac{1}{2}$ as were previously sold. He felt the comrades should exert every influence toward the building up of literature.

BILL (LNU) from Philadelphia discussed the problems in the Philadelphia area, he stated that many in the leadership there have strong right tendencies, are right revisionists and must be fought. He pointed out that due to the lack of activity on the part of the leadership, many Negro comrades in the Philadelphia area were lost to left forces.

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An unfemale said the comrades want leadership that will accomplish objectives, that will build a base for further advancement in mass work. She stated that the Party should exclude comrades working in shops from full participation in mass work, but that the leadership should be given work on the club level in addition to their regular duties.

An unmale said he was disappointed that GENE DENNIS did not discuss the friction that has developed between Negroes and top labor leaders in the country, as he felt this problem to be of immense importance and a threat to the entire labor movement.

JIM (LNU) said that Party may experience further losses between now and convention time but that from then on the Party will grow in size. He stated that the strength of a Communist is lost when he loses sight of his part in the world movement and that he must make a conscious effort at all times to continue their education in the movement as well as to interest people in Party propaganda.

Unmale suggested that "The Worker" should have published greetings to KHRUSHCHEV, that they are an American Party and not agents of Moscow.

JACK STACHEL then spoke on experience and history of Communist movement in America. He cited belief that there are still remnants of factionalism in CP and that the Party is still weak on theory. He continued that American capitalism is in a new stage and that the new labor law is a sign of weakness.

PHIL BART called for letters from the various districts furnishing any suggestions or ideas for coming National Convention. Cited lack of response towards a Discussion Bulletin.

Unmale called for more frequent conferences for Eastern Seaboard feeling that 2 years between conferences is too long.

Meeting adjourned 1:50 pm.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject's wife, CONNIE, had complained to the subject regarding his giving her employment's telephone number to a Kings County Communist Party (CP) Functionary, who had called her there. She said that she does not want everyone to know where she is working, and that she wanted to avoid being called at work for all types of decisions.

The subject and his wife then discussed the fact that GENE DENNIS was out of town, and that he was expected back in New York the following day. The subject commented that the way that everyone was running around out of town you would think the National Convention was six months away instead of 10 weeks. He commented that HY LUMER "was conducting some classes". CONNIE BART said that LUMER's classes were a good idea as it would help to prepare leadership which is sadly lacking. The subject retorted that what has been sadly lacking is the organizing of national leadership, and that in order to accomplish that they have to be right here in New York, and not running all over the country. They then discussed the "National Referendum" (the referendum relating to the election of the National Committee by the National Convention rather than by the CP Districts themselves) and the subject commented that it was not going to pass because of the ones who are interested in obtaining the status quo. CONNIE commented that as far as she knew nothing was being done in Kings County, and that JIM TORMEY has not said anything about it.

Continuing the subject commented that day they had received a letter from DOROTHY HEALEY and she said

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that everyone in their District (Southern California) was in agreement on the referendum. The subject commented that this was the first time in four years that everyone in that district had been in agreement on anything. He said the reason probably was that they all want a free trip to New York three or four times a year.

NY 1749-S* advised that ABE COTTON, Kings County CP, Section Organizer, had contacted the subject and requested BART to fulfill the financial commitment that the CP had made relating to the funeral of ANDY ONDA. BART told COTTON that he had made no commitment as he had no right to and if he wanted he could take it up with ARNOLD JOHNSON on the National Committee. The subject and COTTON then got into a violent argument with COTTON breaking up the conversation.

NY 1750-S* advised that after the above conversation, the subject's wife told him that he should not lose his temper so easily and the subject retorted with a swearing description of COTTON. The subject said that he did not have to talk to a bum like COTTON just because he is in the CP. He said he wants to bring this whole situation to a head as the people "over there" have been nothing more than an anti-Party clique. He said that if COTTON came to the door right now he would throw him out physically. The subject continued that COTTON was the person that brought the letter from AL LANNON to the ONDA funeral and is one of the ones that said the CP had killed ONDA. He said that TERESA ONDA knew about the whole situation, and she was in no way innocent. He said now let them go to BEN DAVIS and the District and see how far they will get. He said he is not going to be civil to anybody like COTTON and that he wants the whole thing brought out to the open. The subject's wife commented that he should not lose his temper and lower himself, and that she has to deal with COTTON in Kings County CP affairs. PHIL said that was all right but that he did not want to see COTTON near their apartment.

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NY 1750-S* advised that IRVING HERMAN, former Security Director of the CP Underground, visited with the subject in his apartment for approximately one and half hours on the afternoon of the above date. Source advised that he was unable to hear most of the conversation between HERMAN and the subject, however, he advised that the subject had briefed HERMAN on his own personal activities recently in his capacity as Organizational Secretary of the CP USA.

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted PHIL FRANKFELD convicted Smith Act subject who allegedly has left the CP, and they spoke about a number of CP affairs. FRANKFELD questioned BART as to why GUS HALL had not spoken at the 40th anniversary of the CP celebration held in NYC the previous week. The subject said that HALL had spoken in Chicago at their celebration and was presently on tour. FRANKFELD then requested the subject to set up a luncheon date for both of them, and the subject told him to call him on Wednesday, when he could make it more definite.

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NY 2359-S* advised that the subject had been present at a meeting of the Resident NEC of the CP USA held in CP Headquarters on the above date. The first point on the agenda was the wording of the draft resolution from the Trade Union Commission which was done by the subject. During the discussion on the resolution, the subject proposed that a committee be set up to study it and that he be a member of this committee. He also suggested that this committee be responsible for the coordination of all resolutions coming before the CP. There was general agreement with the subject's proposal.

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject's wife

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had complained to him that she was "fed up" with JIM TORNEY, Kings County CP Organizer, and that she wanted to take the matter up with someone. The subject said that BILL ALBERTSON was the person to see and she indicated that she did not believe she would get any place with him and that he would do no good.

The subject then mentioned to his wife that EUGENE DENNIS had proposed bringing a three man CP Delegation from the Midwest to New York to discuss the possibility of a Midwest edition of "The Worker". Subject commented that "if DENNIS thought the CP was going to pay for CLARENCE HATHAWAY (Minneapolis CP member) and his wife to come to New York for three days he's crazy". Subject said that he told DENNIS he would not authorize the funds for this.

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted CARL WINTER in Detroit, Michigan, and told him to come to New York for a meeting on the following Tuesday (October 6th). WINTER said that he would have to be back in Detroit on Wednesday, and the subject said that that would be all right he could leave late Tuesday night.

The source also advised that the subject had contacted NICKY LINA in Oakland, California, and also told him to be in New York for a meeting the following Tuesday morning.

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NY 2010-S* advised that HOMER BATES CHASE, New England CP Organizer had contacted the subject, and they had discussed the subject's coming to Boston for the purpose of meeting with CHASE and other CP members.

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The subject emphasized that he wanted to spend some time in the New England area and that he proposed to come for at least three days. They finally decided that the subject would go to Boston on Wednesday evening, October 21st and stay through Sunday. CHASE made arrangements to meet the subject at the Back Bay Station.

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted his wife, and during the conversation mentioned that he had "switched his Boston trip" and that he was going up on Wednesday and staying through till Sunday. He said that because of this he was not going to be able to take any work for a week.

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NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted IRVING POTASH for the purpose of making arrangements to get together, but POTASH revealed that he was quite ill, and had been in that condition for the past few days.

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had been visited for dinner that evening by AGNES WILLIS, Kings County CP Board Member and Trade Union Organizer. During the evening, they spoke about various phases of CP action in Brooklyn.

Source also reported that the subject had contacted SID TAYLOR, Connecticut CP member, in New Haven, Connecticut. During the conversation, the subject made arrangements to visit New Haven to confer with TAYLOR on Friday, October 9, 1959. The subject later related to his wife that he had been trying to see TAYLOR for six months, and that he says he is always too busy. He said that finally when he pinned him down he tried to get out of it, but that he did not let him. He said that he expected to go up to New Haven Friday night and return Saturday.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject had related

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to his wife that he had attended that day a meeting of the SRC (Southern Regional Committee). Subject said that the meeting was held in a lovely apartment on upper Riverside Drive with one side facing the Palisades and the other the George Washington Bridge. The subject stated that he had participated in the meeting which was attended by 10 people including a JIM JACKSON and ROSEA HUDSON. He said that he had learned at the meeting that JIM JACKSON was looking for a new place to live as where he is now is too small.

He said that the above meeting was to hear a report on the SRC, but that it had turned into a criticism of Party organization. He said that he had told them they must openly do CP work in the south and they must speak out. His wife inquired if JIM JACKSON had agreed with his viewpoint on this, and the subject said definitely.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject was sick most of the above day and blamed his illness on the chile, which he had eaten the previous day at the meeting of the SRC and which had been prepared by "SYLVIA" (HALL).

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On 9/28/59 NY 2010-S* furnished information reflecting PHIL BART had been in contact with LEM HARRIS that day and made arrangements to meet HARRIS for lunch on 10/1/59. HARRIS indicated they would either join or be joined by a third party whom HARRIS referred to as "this guy". BART stated he would go to HARRIS' office and they would go to lunch from there.

In an effort to determine the identity of the third party with whom HARRIS and BART intended to meet, a surveillance was conducted on 10/1/59 by SA [redacted] and the writer.

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At 12:10 PM ISADORE WOFYSY was observed walking on the street in the vicinity of 799 Broadway, where HARRIS maintains his office. Shortly thereafter BART and HARRIS were observed leaving 799 Broadway and were immediately joined by WOFYSY. These three individuals proceeded to 8th St. and Broadway where they entered the 5th Avenue Cafeteria. They were observed having lunch during which time they were joined by no other individual.

The three individuals departed the cafeteria at 1:05 pm and proceeded back to 799 Broadway where they parted. At this point the surveillance was discontinued.

- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York (100-19679) (ISADORE WOFYSY) (415)
- 1- New York (100-7658) (415)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-3466)

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN

LENA SCHWARTZ
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Identity of Informant: NY 1749-3* (Conceal and paraphrase)

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable information in the past

Date: 9/13/59

NY 1749-3* has reported that on 9/11/59, (CONNIE BART) contacted (MARGE and LENA SCHWARTZ) and said she wanted to get a report from them. MARGE said yes, because no paper will print it and no TV will broadcast it. CONNIE said she heard part of it (KIRKOROVICH speech at UN). MARGE said KIRKOROVICH had started off with China, and 6 specific points etc. MARGE said that "we voted for the proposition - after some debate and discussion - but we don't know what to do with LODGE - here we've been fighting since 1947 - and didn't know that we now have "economic humanism". LENA said it was very exciting, lots of applause before, during and after KIRKOROVICH's speech.

CONNIE said she saw part of it on China and the general one on disarmament. LENA said "our friends" did a wonderful job on getting us tickets, together with all of his people - (ALEXANDER) TRACHTENBERG, JIM ALLEN, JIM (WORTH), ALPHABET (NEWTON) and all the people from the "Labor Research".

LENA said she found all the people in black and white depressing, etc. CONNIE said, well, after all, they were beautifully encouraged (to demonstrate against KIRKOROVICH apparently). CONNIE and LENA agreed that some of the remarks they are hearing (about KIRKOROVICH's visit) are not good.

- 1- New York (100-12339) (CONNIE BART) (416)
- 1- New York (100-32340) (JIM ALLEN) (411)
- 1- New York (100-52372) (ALEXANDER NEWTON) (422)
- 1- New York (100-13444) (JOE WORTH) (422)
- 1- New York (100-56379) (CONNIE BART) (416)
- 1- New York (100-21421) (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG)
- 1- New York (100-3707) (MARGE SCHWARTZ)
- 1- New York (100-3466)

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CONNIE and LENA remarked how wonderful it was -- the hand that KHRUSHCHEV got when he welcomed the new nations. CONNIE said she was glad LENA and MARCEL were able to get there. LENA asked about the weekend. CONNIE said she has not heard from PHIL (BART) yet tonight - and CONNIE is going out shortly - and both are busy separately tomorrow - CONNIE is staying home Sunday.

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PLAIN TEXT

AIRTEL

RM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-56579)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
IS-C; SA-40

NY 2010-S* advised on 10/1/59, that HOMER BATES CHASE had contacted the subject at CP Headquarters, NYC, and they discussed BART'S visiting the New England District for about four days. BART said he wanted to see a lot of people, but wanted to see CHASE first. They discussed the subject's going to New England the week of October 19, and BART said he would go up on Wednesday or Thursday (10/21-22/59) and would write CHASE definitely of his plans. CHASE said he would pick up BART at the "Back Bay Station."

NY 1750-S* advised on 10/7/59, that subject related to his wife that he thought he would leave for Boston on Wednesday and arrive there at night.

As per recent Bureau instructions re the travel of the National CP functionaries, Boston is requested, UACB, to surveil the subject to determine his contacts except when he is in the company of an informant or covered by a source. Boston will be immediately advised of any further developments re the above matter.

- 3 - Bureau (100-3284) (RM)
- 2 - Boston (100-) (HOMER B. CHASE) (RM)
- (1- 100) (PHILIP BART)
- 1 - NY (100-56579)

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Date: ³⁰¹² 1959

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT

Via AIRTEL RM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTITY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

- 5 - Bureau (100-3-69)(RM)
 - (1-100-3-89)(CPUSA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)(415)
 - (1-100-3-75)(CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-89590)(CPUSA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-80640)(CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-8057)(EUGENE DENNIS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-18065)(JACK STACHEL)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-1696)(ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-16785)(JAMES JACKSON)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-13203)(GEORGE MORRIS)(423)
- 1 - NY (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-48033)(IRVING POTASH)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-23825)(BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.)(416)
- 1 - NY (100-105078)(HY LUMER)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-129629)(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)(416)
- 1 - NY (100-50094)(ESTHER CANTOR)(425)
- 1 - NY (100-80641)

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On 9/30/59, NY 2359-S* advised that a meeting of the Resident NEC, CPUSA and invited guests was held in CP Headquarters, NYC, on that date. EUGENE DENNIS was chairman of the meeting and among those present were:

JACK STACHEL
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
JAMES JACKSON
GEORGE MORRIS
PHIL BART
IRVING POTASH
BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.
ESTHER CANTOR
ARNOLD JOHNSON
and possibly JOE NORTH

The first point on the agenda was the reading of a draft resolution from the Trade Union Commission. This was read by PHIL BART. During the ensuing discussion, it was decided that additional discussion was needed in the various districts on this resolution, as well as on all future resolutions. BART proposed that a committee be set up, the members to be JACK STACHEL, JAMES JACKSON, HY LUMER, IRVING POTASH, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, and himself. He suggested that this committee be responsible for the coordination of all resolutions coming before the Party. There was general agreement on BART'S proposal.

-GEORGE MORRIS then gave a report on his recent trip to the AFL-CIO convention held on the West Coast. According to MORRIS, the differences of opinion between AFL-CIO leaders and NAACP leaders has threatened the Negro-Labor Alliance. MORRIS said that the keynote of the speech given by GEORGE MEANY was anti-Soviet and anti-KHRUSHCHEV. He said that with few exceptions no other speaker at the convention concerned himself with foreign policy. MORRIS claimed that very little pledged support came through for the steel strike. He noted that the possibility of a third political party (a labor party) was discussed and it was felt that the Liberal Party would serve in New York and in some other states there are similar parties that could be used.

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During his report, MORRIS mentioned various resolutions that were proposed at the AFL-CIO convention. Among the issues mentioned by him was one described as "the cross fire between MEANY and RANDOLPH (A. PHILIP RANDOLPH of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters) on the issue of elimination of Jim Crow Locals in the Brotherhood of Railroad Workers. MORRIS accused MEANY of blaming Negro union members for the continued existence of these Jim Crow Locals. MORRIS accused AFL-CIO leaders in general of being "cowards and opportunists" who failed to give the leadership expected of them by rank and file members. He felt that the Party should continue to concentrate its criticism against the reactionary forces of the labor movement and should itself provide leadership in the trade union movement. MORRIS was critical of WALTER REUTHER for what MORRIS described as REUTHER'S misrepresentation in the press of remarks assertedly made by KHRUSHCHEV at a dinner of labor leaders held in California. MORRIS was of the opinion that the Party is still too inhibited in its trade union work. He said that the Party must take aggressive action against those responsible for the failure of the labor movement and the Party should give direction to this struggle.

IRVING POTASH observed that the NC labor policy statement adopted in 1958 dealt with issues and problems that were timely then, but noted that today the same issues and problems appear in a different context. He said that most of these will be dealt with in the general political resolution, but that some specific problems must be dealt with in the labor resolution. He cited as examples the rise in the army of the unemployed, unemployment in certain areas, and the effect of automation on the workers, the rise of insecurity and fear in the midst of so-called prosperity, the rise in prices, the devaluation of the dollar, and finally discrimination against Negroes and Puerto Ricans. POTASH continued that the resolution must deal with the challenge of the socialist camp to American capitalism, the challenge to American capitalists from other capitalist countries, the effect of the struggle of colonial people, and the industrialization of various countries, especially in Latin America. He felt that the resolution should present a picture

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of the offensive taking place against the trade union movement, ie., the threat to right to work laws, the Taft Hartley Act, and new government control laws:

POTASH said that it may appear that the Party is trying to characterize the trade union movement solely as a reactionary bloc and that the Party approach should say that this is not so. He claimed that the Party must search out shades of differences which exist in the trade union movement. POTASH noted the fact that workers are faced with the possibility of unemployment in the event of a loss of defense production and expressed the hope that through discussion the Party would find the most effective method of dealing with this problem. He called for the Party in its trade union resolution to review its position on crucial issues that confront the trade union movement today. He urged that the Party bring its ideas and literature to the workers in the shop. According to POTASH, the trade union resolution should "indicate elements of the Party's program for the left in the trade union movement" on such questions as Negro-white solidarity, Negro Labor Alliance, peace, cold war, education, youth, and the whole question of socialism. He urged that the Party project the idea of socialism in a more dynamic way than ever before.

BEN DAVIS followed POTASH and immediately called for a scrapping of the remaining points on the agenda in order to allow sufficient time for a thorough discussion of the reports made by GEORGE MORRIS and IRVING POTASH. He suggested that JOE NORTH'S report on KHRUSHCHEV be heard at some special meeting on a future date. After a heated discussion following DAVIS' proposal, it was apparently decided that some time be devoted to a discussion of GEORGE MORRIS' report.

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ESTHER CANTOR insisted that the trade union resolution include, among other things, (1) the Party's approach to the economic riddle facing the American people, and (2) a characterization of trade union leaders, showing the policies of the AFL-CIO and identifying the person symbolizing each policy. She said that the social democracy resolution must spell out the Party's defensive position and then commented that "clear cut slogans are needed."

JACK STACHEL viewed the trade union resolution problem as not being so much a question of the main line upon which all generally agreed but more as a question on where the Party should concentrate its efforts. He said that the resolution must symbolize the position of the American capitalist today and all policies of union leadership should show a struggle for co-existence. STACHEL concluded that the Party should spell out what is meant by "Negro - Labor Alliance," noting that the Party in the past few years has not had a policy or program in this field.

GEORGE MORRIS was of the opinion that the important question to be settled regarding the resolution is to determine how to relate the document to the Party and "get the comrades in action."

ARNOLD JOHNSON said that the statement regarding MEANY should be "sharpened up and clarified." He continued that he was of the opinion that the resolution was actually a number of resolutions rolled into one and, therefore, should be broken down into separate resolutions. He observed that the Negro-Labor Alliance could be regrouped around civil rights legislation and be foremost in the next session of congress.

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. expressed disappointment at the lack of an all out crusade by the CP against MEANY because of MEANY'S "racist attack" on RANDOLPH. DAVIS said that the CP should be 100% in accord with RANDOLPH'S position. DAVIS said that he felt the resolution covered too much territory. He nevertheless proposed that the resolution should deal with the additional questions of automation, the electoral policy of trade unions and the whole question of anti-Communism.

The meeting adjourned without any positive action being taken regarding the above proposals:

SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

10/6/59

SAC, NEW YORK (#416)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C

Identity of Informant: NY 2384-S*
Reliability: Who has furnished
reliable information in the past.
Date of Activity: 8/13/59

On 8/13/59, NY 2384-S* advised that PHIL BART informed BILL ALBERTSON that he, BART, had received a letter from HARRY HAYWOOD. According to BART, HAYWOOD in his letter stated that he did not consider himself as being out of the Party and then quoted the Party's constitution to back up his argument. BART informed ALBERTSON that "they" should send HAYWOOD an official letter stating that he, HAYWOOD, was expelled from the Party. ALBERTSON, according to NY 2384-S* agreed with BART that they should follow this procedure.

1 - New York (100-81495)
1 - New York (100-56579)
1 - New York (100-129629)

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(HARRY HAYWOOD) (#425)
(PHIL BART) (#415)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-16021)

10/8/59

SA ROBERT G. SWEENEY

ARNOLD S. JOHNSON
IS-C

Identity of Informant: NY 2603-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable information in the past

Date: 9/24/59

NY 2603-S* has reported that on 9/24/59, (MARY KAUFMAN) contacted ARNOLD (JOHNSON) and wanted to know how things went (HCUA hearing). ARNOLD said it was alright but one never knows what these guys are after. She asked who was with him and he said that JOE (FORER) was with him. He added that it was one of those closed things and there was no press.

She said that she had a letter from BOB (THOMPSON) last week and he is going to file a parole application this week. She pointed out that the parole advisor is very important and also a job. She said that she will wire the info to BOB as soon as she got it. She asked if [redacted] (ph) turned him down and JOHNSON said that he did not see [redacted]. She said BOB suggested anyone of a political character and he did not have to be a prominent person. She added that [redacted] may help where (Dr. MARVIN) BELSKY (ph) would not and he agreed that he will get her the info re the advisor and the job.

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JOHNSON then said that he talked with BARNEY (JOSEPHSON) about the job but BOB did not want that job. He added that he will have to see PHIL (BART) about that person in Brooklyn as he (ARNOLD JOHNSON) did not know this person himself. They agreed they will tell BOB (THOMPSON) that a job is set with BARNEY but they will be on the lookout for a more desirable job.

- 1- New York (100-97661) (JOE FORER) (415)
- 1- New York (100-99873) (BARNEY JOSEPHSON) (424)
- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York (100-27452) (ROBERT THOMPSON) (415) / 100-56579-3785
- 1- New York (100-89691) (CP, USA-DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES) (415)
- 1- New York (100-16021) (415)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) (415)

FROM: SA [Redacted]

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DATE: OCT 8 1959

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
SM-C

The above captioned subject was observed entering and/or leaving 23 West 26th St., New York, New York.

NY 1726-*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 4/21/57 that effective 4/15/57 the National and New York State offices of the Communist Party would occupy the premises at 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York.

NY 694-S* on 6/5/58 advised that the editorial staff of "The Worker" was to be moved into the building at 23 West 26th Street on 6/7,8/58.

NY 2002-S* on 6/20/58 verified the occupancy of the basement and first floor areas of building by the office staff of "The Worker", an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper.

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OBSERVED BY SAS

9/21/59

WILLIAM J. BARRON

9/23/59

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STEPHEN FEDUNIAK
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A log covering the above surveillances is being maintained in NY file 100-4931-Sub O.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579) (415)

FROM: SA [redacted]

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DATE: OCT 3 1959

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560)(415)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - FUNDS
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Extreme caution should be exercised with respect to dissemination of information herein inasmuch as, by its nature, said information tends to identify NY 694-S, a valuable informant, as the source thereof.

On 10/8/59, NY 694-S* advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON that on the aforesaid date PHIL BART, CP, USA Organizational Secretary, furnished the following information:

Financially, the CP, USA is "in one hell of a situation": It has almost no income at all. Instead of sending to the National Office \$900.00 in dues "for the last period," the Southern California CP District sent only \$82.00, withholding the balance to defray the expenses of CP functionaries traveling to and from New York City. The Northern California CP District, for the same reason, sent \$72.00 to the National Office instead of \$700.00.

- 3 - Bureau (100-3-63)(RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (100-) (CPUSA - FUNDS)(INFO)(RM)
- 1 - San Francisco (100-) (CPUSA - FUNDS)(INFO)(RM)
- 1 - NY 134-91 (INV)(415)
- ① - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(422)
- 1 - NY 100-7655 (LEM HARRIS)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-128861 (CPUSA - FUNDS (RESERVE FUNDS))(415)
- 1 - NY 100-74560 (415)

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Legal expenses during the past few months have been a serious drain on CP funds, \$7000.00 having been paid in cash to Party lawyers. Within the next three months, the Party must raise \$25,000.00 for legal expenses in connection with pending CP cases, and at the moment the Party is at a loss to know where it can secure such an amount of money.

BART expressed his personal opinion that it would be to the Party's advantage to set up a Party business to be operated by LHM HARRIS, member of the CP, USA National Finance Committee, instead of sending HARRIS throughout the country to contact potential donors, from whom "he will get nothing anyhow."

SAC, NEW YORK (100-48033)

10/12/59

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

IRVING POTASH
IS-C

Identity of Informant NY 1749-S*
(Conceal and paraphrase)
Reliability Who has furnished reliable
information in the past
Date 10/2/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 10/2/59, (PHIL BART) contacted IRVING POTASH. BART said he was going to drop in today...but was on the other side of town. POTASH described how sick he is...also spoke about a speech by MORGAN last night..how it was a stab in the back to the steel strike..said that MORGAN took a good position on Red China tonight. BART thought they should notify the Steel Union about last night's speech..BART mentioned that he is waiting for word about a meeting in Conn. tomorrow.

①-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-48033) (415)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-34665)

10/12/59

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

LENA SCHERER
IS-C

Identity of Informant NY 1749-S*
(Conceal and paraphrase)

Reliability Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date 10/3/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 10/3/59, (LENA SCHERER) contacted (CONNIE BART). CONNIE confirmed that she had not heard from "him" (PHIL BART) yet. CONNIE told LENA that he said he thought he would be through around 6:00 and that she hopes it just means that it is long. LENA said she imagined that is what it is and that he probably cannot get to a phone.

CONNIE said she will call LENA in the morning and LENA agreed. CONNIE asked how "MARCEL" is. LENA replied that she thinks he is better, remarking that he is sleeping a lot today, which she says is good because he has not slept in three days and nights. CONNIE told LENA that she will be talking to her and that they will then see what they can work out.

①-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1-NY (105-5767) (MARCEL SCHERER) (424)
1-NY (100-34665) (424)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-82430)

10/12/59

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

IRVING HERMAN
SM-C

Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Reliability	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	9/24/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 9/24/59, (IRVING HERMAN) contacted (PHIL BART) and said he was sorry to hear about ANDY (ONDA). They discussed the funeral. PHIL said "we" made all the arrangements, but it turned into a gutter factional fight. "She" (THERESA ONDA) allowed a personal bitterness to take the whole thing over - hope she will change. CHARLIE LOMAN was there from Chicago. PHIL said he has been very busy preparing for the convention - and "we" are having a gathering over this week end, two days - Saturday and Sunday (9/26 and 27/59). He asked HERMAN what he is doing over this week end HERMAN said he has a union meeting Sunday and works Saturday.

HERMAN mentioned labor saving machines for handling the UPI (United Press International) teletype tape - but they are still busy. HERMAN said he has been working a lot of overtime recently.

PHIL and HERMAN agreed they would like to get together soon and might arrange to meet down near the tubes one day. They agreed PHIL will call HERMAN on Wednesday to let him know if they can meet on Thursday. If HERMAN is not home, PHIL will leave the message with ROSE.

1-NY (100-56579) (415) (PHIL BART)
1-NY (100-114143) (THERESA ONDA) (422)
1-NY (100-82430) (IRVING HERMAN) (422)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86624)(415)
SUBJECT: CP, USA, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
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ReNYairtel, 10/6/59, and reBMAirtel, 10/7/59.

On 10/8/59, NY 694-S* advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON that on the aforesaid date PHIL BART, CP, USA, Organizational Secretary, told the informant that owing to pressure of other business, BILL ALBERTSON would not attend the convention of the Labor Progressive Party in Toronto. BART stated that JAMES JACKSON would be the only CP, USA, delegate to the said convention, and that JACKSON would leave NYC for Toronto on 10/8/59. BART furnished no further details.

NY 694-S* stated that TIM BUCK has not replied to the CP, USA, request that BUCK advise concerning how CP, USA, delegates should travel, and whether they may stay at private homes in Toronto instead of at a hotel. The informant also stated that he had told JACKSON that in the event no instructions from BUCK should be received before JACKSON's departure from NYC, JACKSON should contact upon arrival in Toronto either BILL KASHMAN or NORMAN FREED of the Labor Progressive Party, who could ascertain from BUCK where JACKSON should secure accommodations.

3 - BUREAU (100-3-81) (RM)
1 - NY 134-91 (Inv) (415)
① - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - NY 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
1 - NY 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (415)
1 - NY 100-15140 (TIM BUCK) (33)
1 - NY 100-86624 (415)

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TO : SAC NEW YORK (100-7451)

DATE: 10/9/59

FROM : SAC NEWARK (100-4284)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
NEW JERSEY DISTRICT
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On 9/21/59, NK 1828-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that LOTTIE GORDON was planning to attend the funeral of ANDY ONDA at the I. J. Morris Funeral Parlor, Brooklyn, N. Y., on 9/22/59. NK 1828-S* advised that LOTTIE GORDON mentioned that she had two places to attend on Friday night in New York. She mentioned that at one of these places MARINELLI (ph) would be speaking. She stated she was interested in going to this affair but there would also be a camp meeting that night and she feels she should be there because it is expected that some people might do something unexpected at this camp meeting. (The Worker for Sunday, 9/27/59, reflects that one of the speakers at the 40th Anniversary Celebration to be held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, would be Dr. JUAN MARINELLO, Chairman of the Popular Socialist Party of Cuba.)

NK 1828-S* advised that LOTTIE GORDON was in contact with NAUDE (lms) on that date and mentioned to her that GUS (believed to be GUS HALL) had been with them all day on 9/20/59. NK 1828-S* advised that NAUDE stated that she would love to see GUS again and was informed by LOTTIE that she could get in touch with him by calling at the office (believed to be referring to CP, USA, headquarters). NK 1828-S* stated that LOTTIE is interested in having NAUDE and her husband visit with her in the country on a weekend.

- 6 - New York (RM)
 (1 - 100- DR. JUAN MARINELLO)
 (1 - 100- RUTH SHULMAN)
 (1 - 100-56579 PHIL BART)
 (1 - 100- ANDY ONDA)
 (1 - 100-129563 MRA)
- 1 - Cleveland (RM) (INFO)
 (100-421 GUS HALL)
- 4 - Newark
 (1 - 100-35106 LOTTIE GORDON)
 (1 - 100- NAUDE LNU)
 (1 - 65-859 MRA)

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NY 1028-10 advised that LOTTIE GORDON intends to meet with PHIL EAST at the funeral of ARDY ONDA on 9/22/59.

NY 1028-10 advised that LOTTIE GORDON had made contact with ALVIN (possibly RUTH WEILMAN) to make arrangements to see PHIL EAST after the funeral of ARDY ONDA on 9/22/59. NY 1028-10 advised that LOTTIE and ALVIN have a matter to discuss and intend to take it up in the near future.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-82430)

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN

IRVING HERMAN
SM-C

Identity of Informant NY 1749-S*
(Conceal and paraphrase)

Reliability Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

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NY 1749-S* advised that on 9/21/59, PHIL BART contacted ROSE and told her "we" lost another old timer - ONDA - ANDREW ONDA - died Saturday - and the funeral is 9:30 tomorrow (9/22/59) - I.J. Morris Funeral Parlor. PHIL said this is the fourth one "we" have lost in six weeks - GREEN, SAM BROWN and JACK GREEN. They discussed the wife (THERESA ONDA) and the boys.

ROSE asked how is SUNNY (wife of MORRIS in Chicago). PHIL said he just saw MORRIS and SUNNY is back from the hospital - has leukemia. PHIL said he and CONNIE saw them in Chicago, when they were there over the 4th of July for a week. PHIL asked ROSE to have IRVING call him when IRVING gets a chance. PHIL explained that he will be at the ONDA funeral from morning till probably late afternoon - and does not know if he will be home after that, but IRVING could call and see. PHIL said CONNIE sends regards, and we will get together soon.

① NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
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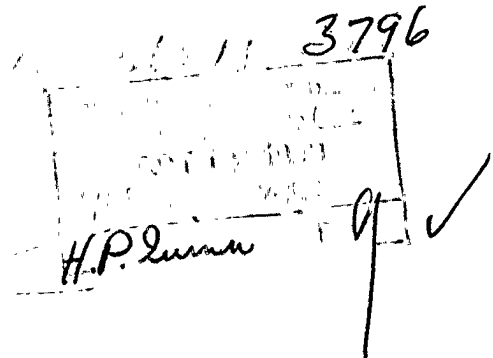
JAMES E. JACKSON
IS-C; ISA 1950

Source NY 2418-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Characterization Who has furnished reliable information
in the past.

NY 2418-S* reported on 9/22/59, JACK CHILDS contacted JACKSON and said he was trying to get hold of some papers (as a report) but no one was at the office. JACK said he would try some other sources to get this report and if not successful would contact JACKSON later. JACKSON said he would bring "it" with him the next day and JACK replied he had to have "it" no later than tomorrow. JACKSON said both GENE (DENNIS) and PHIL (BART) would be able to get "it" for CHILDS.

- 1- New York (100-64061) (JACK CHILDS) (415)
- 1- New York (134-91) (INV) (415)
- 1- New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York (100-16785)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

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PHILIP BART
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WEEKLY SUMMARY 10/5 - 10/11/59
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10/5/59

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject told his wife that he still wasn't feeling well and that he thought it would be a few days before he would feel like himself again.

The subject's wife CONNIE then told him about her difficulties with JIM TORMEY, Kings County CP Organizer, and mentioned how difficult it is to work with him. The subject told her that she should make an issue out of it. CONNIE said that making an issue out of this is a lot easier said than done.

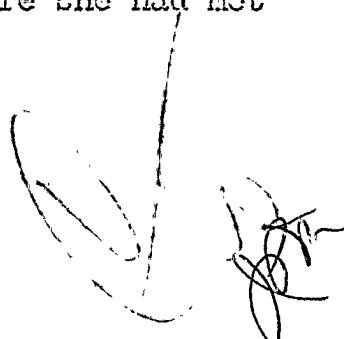
NY 1749-S* advised that the subject's wife had contacted DANNY RUBEL, Kings County CP Organizational Secretary, and they had spoken about JIM TORMEY. Their conversation was very critical of TORMEY and RUBEL leveled the accusation that TORMEY was doing too much by himself and circumventing the other functionaries in Brooklyn.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife discussed a visit that CONNIE BART had made to the Jefferson Book Shop that day where she had met

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JIM TORMEY. She said that TORMEY told her that he had seen ALAN LAWS, Kings County CP Negro Functionary, and that LAWS had denied having any part in the left wing affairs that had taken place at the funeral of ANDY ONDA. LAWS told TORMEY that the letter from AL LANNON, which had been read at the funeral, had been brought by LANNON's son. She said that LAWS told TORMEY that there had been a meeting of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Section the previous night and that there was a general agreement that there wasn't too much wrong with what had happened at the ONDA funeral.

TORMEY told her that he was going to see ABE COTTON on the following night and would question him about what had taken place at the funeral. She said that BEN DAVIS and BILL ALBERTSON are pressing for some type of action against LAWS and all the other involved in the affair. She said that Thursday evening (10/8/59) there is to be a Kings County CP Board meeting and that TORMEY was thinking of giving a report on the funeral. She said that she told TORMEY that she didn't feel anyone could be absolved in the whole matter including THERESA ONDA.

CONNIE said that the only trouble is that you don't do anything without proof and PHIL answered that he had proof as he and GUS HALL were in GENE DENNIS' office when GUS called THERESA. PHIL commented that the whole thing was silly and that you couldn't have everyone coming in and taking an oath on what was said and not said. CONNIE commented that that may be true but that TORMEY was probably going to open up the matter at the County Board meeting Thursday. She said that if he doesn't somebody else

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will bring it up.

They both then discussed JIM TORMEY's ideas of leadership and CONNIE commented that TORMEY thinks that there are more talented people in the Bedford-Stuyvesant Section than in anywhere else. She said that she had to agree to some extent with this as most of the people there are very articulate.

The subject then spoke again about the matter of the ONDA funeral being brought up and claimed that if it is it will take up the entire agenda and nothing will be accomplished. He said that certainly AGNES (WILLIS) and [redacted] will not be convinced that anything was wrong. CONNIE commented that if it is discussed a certain group will probably threaten to leave the meeting. The subject then commented that there are several ways through which they could avoid having the subject of the funeral brought up. He then suggested several speeches which she could use to get the meeting on the right track. He then commented that if this issue is made a matter of pre-convention discussion it will do nothing but disrupt the CP. He said that if it is brought up at the convention nothing will be accomplished and it will wind up that TORMEY would be making a report and then ALAN making another report and it would just go on and on. He said that the ONDA funeral business must be stopped now before it starts spreading. He said that they can't allow a knockdown, drag out fight over this because after it is over nothing would be solved.

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CONNIE commented that BEN DAVIS was putting pressure on TORMEY in this affair, and is calling for expulsion of the whole group. She commented that we know what could happen when they start expelling. PHIL retorted

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that let DAVIS call CHARLIE LOMAN and then they can censure him. They finished the conversation with CONNIE being dubious about the possibility of avoiding a discussion on the matter.

10/7/59

NY 2359-S* advised that the subject was present at a meeting of the resident NEC held at CP Headquarters on that date. The meeting discussed the proposed dates for the next enlarged NEC meeting and the subject mentioned the dates 11/5,6,7 and 8/59.

The source advised that the subject later stated that there was no report on the referendum concerning the changes in the Election Clause in the constitution decided upon by the NC in July, 1959. He said that objections to the change had been received from Los Angeles, Boston, Oklahoma and Indiana. He said that they must see that the referendum is passed and that one of the reasons they are not receiving favorable votes on it is that there has been a lack of discussion. After the discussion on the referendum, the second phase of the meeting dealt with a report by HUNTER PITTS O'DELL regarding the Negro in the South.

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NY 694-S* advised that the subject had stated on that day that the CP, USA was in very bad financial status and had almost no income to speak of. The subject also said that the California districts were not sending in their dues but were holding back on them to defray the expenses of CP functionaries travelling to and from NY. He also said that legal expenses during the last few months had been a great drain on funds and that they must now raise \$25,000.00 for legal fees in

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connection with pending cases.

The subject also expressed his personal opinion that it would be to the CP's advantage to set up a Party business to be run by LEM HARRIS instead of sending HARRIS throughout the country to contact potential donors from whom he will receive nothing. (Above information was forwarded to the Bureau by airtel dated 10/9/59, captioned, "CP - FUNDS").

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had attempted to contact PAT TOOHEY in Summerville, New Jersey, and was told that TOOHEY was presently in NYC.

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NY 2010-S* advised that the subject had contacted EUGENE DENNIS and told him that he had decided to go to New Haven, Connecticut, the following day by train instead of driving himself.

NY 1749-S* previously furnished information that the subject was going to New Haven, Connecticut, on Friday evening, 10/9/59, for the purpose of meeting SID TAYLOR, Connecticut CP Functionary. Source also advised that the subject expected to return to NY the following day and that he and his wife expected to go away for the weekend, returning on Monday, 10/12/59.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed his trip the previous evening to New Haven. The subject said that the trip was fairly

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successful, however, these problems can not be settled in one quick visit. He said that SID TAYLOR is agreeable and said that to function he would have to accept the Party along with its present platform. He said another person BOB EKINS has a lot of legitimate complaints. He said that EKINS is 51 years old and joined the Party 21 years ago when he was a successful sculptor. He said that EKINS claims he has given up the prime of his life to the CP and that he is presently trying to make a comeback as a sculptor. He said that EKINS is working at odd jobs and practicing sculpturing on the weekends. BART said that EKINS wants to continue in the CP but does not wish to give up his sculpturing.

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted PAT TOOHEY and he made arrangements to attend a meeting in Jersey on Wednesday evening with a group of others.

The source advised that later JACK STACHEL had contacted the subject and they discussed a number of matters including the possibility of IRVING HERMAN meeting with STACHEL about certain matters. They agreed that HERMAN should not bother to go in to see STACHEL on Monday.

The source advised that the subject later attempted to contact HERMAN but was not able to talk to him and left a message that HERMAN not to bother going to see STACHEL on Monday.

The subject later contacted JESUS COLON and they spoke about a recent heart attack that COLON had had and also a subpoena that he had received. Source was unable to ascertain from whom COLON had

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received the subpoena but the subject told COLON to contact IRA GOLLOBIN, the attorney, regarding the matter.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO : SAC, BOSTON

FROM: SAC, NY (100-56579) FOUR FORTY FIVE PM

PHILIP BART; IS-C, SA-40. REMYAIRTEL TEN EIGHT FIFTY NINE, SETTING FORTH SUBJECT'S PLANS FOR TRIP TO NEW ENGLAND DURING WEEK OF OCTOBER NINETEEN. NY ONE SEVEN FOUR NINE DASH S ASTERISK ADVISED TEN THIRTEEN FIFTY NINE THAT SUBJECT MADE RESERVATIONS AT EASTERN AIRLINES FOR A FLIGHT NUMBER FIVE FOUR FIVE, LEAVING BOSTON ELEVEN THIRTY PM, SUNDAY, TEN EIGHTEEN FIFTY NINE. SUBJECT ADVISED THAT HE WAS DRIVING UP TO BOSTON AND EXPECTED TO BE THERE ON THURSDAY, WHEN HE WILL BUY THE TICKETS AND CONFIRM THE RESERVATION. SUBJECT REMARKED THAT HE HAD NO HOTEL RESERVATION AS YET. NY ONE SEVEN FIVE ZERO DASH S ASTERISK ADVISED SUBJECT'S WIFE CONNIE STATED SUBJECT WOULD STAY IN NEW YORK WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER FOURTEENTH, AND WAS LEAVING THE FOLLOWING MORNING, TRAVEL UNSPECIFIED. - BOSTON REQUESTED TO CARRY THROUGH INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH

IN ABOVE REFERENCED AIRTEL. *Subject drives 1957 4 door light blue Plymouth Sedan; NY license 1L-1228.*

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (65-1242)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-105568)

MICKEY LIMA
IS-C

Identity of Informant

NY 1749-S*
(Conceal and paraphrase)

Reliability

Who has furnished
reliable information
in the past

Date

9/30/59

NY 1749-S* reported that on 9/30/59, PHIL (BART) contacted MICKEY LIMA in Oakland, California. PHIL told MICKEY that Tuesday is ok with "us" - any time late in the morning - "we" have arranged something for that time. MICKEY said all right fine. PHIL said to figure on the whole day - it is not just for a few hours. MICKEY said he would be there.

1-San Francisco (65-1242) (Info)(RM)
1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
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SAC, NEW YORK (100-131666)

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CP-SOUTHERN REGION
IS-C

On 10/4/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART had held a conversation at their residence, 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and had discussed a number of items.

PHIL BART and his wife discussed the fact that PHIL did not feel well and that he thought it was a result of the food he had eaten yesterday at the meeting (SRC). CONNIE asked who had done the cooking and he said that SYLVIA (HALL) had cooked chile for 10 people. He said that 5 had left after the meal including himself and HOSEA.

- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-100351) (SYLVIA HALL) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-83317) (HOSEA HUDSON) (415)
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SAC, NEW YORK (100-50842)

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN (415)

OAKLEY JOHNSON
SM-C

On 9/23/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART had held a conversation at their residence, 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and had discussed a number of items.

The subject and his wife were discussing a number of matters and his wife commented that she did not know what brought it to her mind but that she thinks OAKLEY JOHNSON is a queer type of guy. PHIL commented that JOHNSON is an old charter member of the CP.

1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-50842)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-9365)

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN (415)

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
IS-C

On 10/4/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART had held a conversation at their residence, 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and had discussed a number of items.

PHIL BART mentioned that the Japanese CP was celebrating the 100th Anniversary of SEN KATAYAMA. He said that the CP, USA had promised them some material for this celebration. He said that they had asked BILL FOSTER to write something on it but he did not know anything about KATAYAMA so they had sent to Holland for the material. He said that he himself had found a pamphlet on KATAYAMA by CHARLES KERR (ph) that gave a good account of his work. He said that reading it he found out that KATAYAMA was practically the founder of the CP, USA. He said that he was in the United States about 1915 and that he had died in Moscow in the late 20's or early 30's and that he was about 70 years old.

CONNIE then asked about HY LUMER and PHIL commented that LUMER is not an organizer in the technical sense. He said that LUMER has some type of jealous complex about everything he takes into his hands and that he does not follow through in his work.

- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-9365)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C) (421)

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN (415)

BRONX COUNTY CP
IS-C

On 9/10/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHIL and CONNIE BART at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY.

PHIL BART related that he had attended that "Bulgarian thing" (anniversary party celebrating the institution of the present Bulgarian regime). He had attended that Bulgarian thing with JAMES TORMEY. He said that TORMEY had approached a member of the Soviet Delegation at the party and was trying to clear up a number of his views on Marxism. He commented that TORMEY had better clear up his thinking

He related that the previous night he had gone up to Riverdale in the Bronx. He said that there were 4 representatives at this club meeting, one from the section, one from Bronx County, one from the District, and one from the National Office. He then mentioned a man named ADES and described him as a conniver and a schemer who did not show up. He related that the National Office had received a letter from this club with a donation of \$200. He said that apparently this Riverdale club was unhappy with the way the Bronx CP is being run and that they had brought their grievance to the attention of the National Office by this letter containing a \$200 donation. He said that the letter set out a line which they felt should be adopted and that it stated that the acceptance of their donation would indicate an acceptance of the terms set out in the letter.

1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-12481) (BERNARD ADES) (415)
1 - New York (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (422)
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BART continued that he told them that no one could buy a political line for \$200. He said that BERNARD ADES is an ideological leader of this group but that one present among them who really does not agree with the others had actually donated \$100 of the \$200 contribution. He said he told them that the CP would not accept the \$200 and the letter was withdrawn.

He said that he was very proud of himself for the way he had held his temper at the meeting and at how cool he had acted. He commented, "A stinking \$200 for a political wedge and especially from those ambulance chasers up there who never in their lives defended a comrade in court." BART complained to his wife that most of the members of this club were all professional people who were fairly well situated.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-13433)

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN (415)

BETTY GANNETT
IS-C

On 9/20/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHILIP and CONNIE BART at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

CONNIE and PHIL BART discussed BETTY GANNETT and PHIL remarked that she, GANNETT, has a "lousy disposition." He said that he suspects there is some psychopathic disturbances in her case and that she definitely needs treatment. He said that he had never seen anyone who was so disagreeable. BART's wife commented that GANNETT was certainly an odd person.

1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
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JOHN VAN P. [illegible]

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11/1/59, of 100-2-33-443, was last reliable information in the past, furnished information regarding conversation which took place between PHILIP and ANITA BART at their residence at 2415 New York Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

ANITA BART declined to let and said to him he was supposed to go to a meeting that night in a meeting to which he replied he knew. ANITA said that she (ANITA) and [illegible] was going out to a [illegible] (HOOVER) and the [illegible] and that he would see her soon. She said that he should tell [illegible] if he is there to which [illegible] replied he would.

ANITA then asked her husband if he knew anyone who could give PHILIP or ANITA LEVIN a job, which PHILIP answered he did not. ANITA told him to see BILL ALBERTSON and that he and PHILIP said he would.

ANITA collected that the Kings County Courthouse that night was held, held at the home of [illegible] [illegible].

- 1 - New York (100-13042) (MURDER HOOVER) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-1010) (JIM HALL) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-14010) (PHILIP HOOVER) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-12410) (ROBERT LEVIN) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-11440) (ANITA LEVIN) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-12020) (BILL ALBERTSON) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-12070) (PHILIP BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-12070) (ANITA BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-2-33-443) (415)

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

CP - ORGANIZATION
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On 9/12/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHILIP and CONNIE BART at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

The subject advised his wife that he intended to leave for Philadelphia that evening and would return to New York by Tuesday. He later advised his wife that he had decided to stay home and leave the following morning, Sunday, as he decided it would only be "social" that evening and he wanted to do some real work. He told his wife that he wanted to see [redacted] on Monday if possible.

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- 3 - Philadelphia (100-) (RM)
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- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-80641)

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-30041)

CP - ORGANIZATION
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On 9/15/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHILIP and CONNIE BART at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

PHIL commented to CONNIE that he had attended some membership meetings during his recent trip to Philadelphia and had noted that there were very few members in the CP outside of Philadelphia. He said that all the strength in the Party down there is in Philadelphia itself. He commented that they were not developing any leadership there and that the young people were not being brought along in the various organization setups. He said that there are eleven clubs in Philadelphia. He said that he had spent some time with JIM DOLSON and also ESTELLE (LNU) who he described as a Negro Comrade who worked all day and is in charge of a club and a section committee and the section has very little time for social life.

- 4 - Philadelphia (100-) (RM)
 - (1-100-) (JIM DOLSON)
 - (1-100-) (ESTELLE (LNU))
- 2 - Newark (100-) (WALTER BARRY)
 - (1-100-) (PAT TOOHEY)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-30041)

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He said that there should definitely be some changes made there. His wife retorted that if he made any changes in Philadelphia, he would run into the accusations of white chauvinism. PHIL retorted that she was right and that is how BEN (DAVIS) operated.

BART and his wife later discussed BEN DAVIS and a conference that PHIL BART had with him that day. PHIL BART said that they had at least improved their relationship. CONNIE asked him if he had mentioned WALTER BARRY (this possibly refers to a report BART gave to the NEC at a meeting he attended of the New Jersey CP District Committee) at the meeting. He replied that he had not said anything about BARRY but that he had talked a bit about PAT TOOMEY. He said that actually he had not said too much at the meeting.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C43)

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN (415)

CP - KINGS COUNTY
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On 9/23/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART had held a conversation at their residence, 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and had discussed a number of items.

PHIL BART and his wife discussed a meeting which had taken place in their apartment the previous evening and which PHIL BART had apparently not attended but had listened to from another room. PHIL said that the meeting was too long and the names of ANN (FRIEDLANDER), DANNY (RUBEL) and ABE (COTTON) were mentioned as persons who were in attendance. PHIL asked who ANN was and CONNIE described her as the "dowdy" one." They then discussed DANNY RUBEL and CONNIE said that he is very tired. PHIL commented that DANNY is one of the old time organizers and that his methods are mechanized and out of date. CONNIE commented that they cannot just dump him although he is not really doing his job.

1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-117158) (DANNY RUBEL) (422)
1 - New York (100-) (ANN FRIEDLANDER) (422)
1 - New York (100-70432) (ABE COTTON) (422)
1 - New York (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (422)
1 - New York (100-26603-C43)

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The conversation then switched to JIM TORMEY and both PHIL and CONNIE are in agreement that he is too much of a one man operation and that he will not ask anyone for help. PHIL criticized him saying that TORMEY will not even discuss his problems with him and that he has access to a lot of other people who could help him. He said that TORMEY acts like a Messiah who has come to save him and that he is the only one who can do it. PHIL commented that as an organizer you certainly have to go to the rank and file but you also have to go to the leadership and talk with them.

SAC, CHICAGO (RM)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-80347)

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On 9/10/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHILIP and CONNIE BART at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

CONNIE BART mentioned to her husband that she had earlier talks with MORRIS CHILDS in Chicago and that he had told her that [REDACTED] was back in Chicago from [REDACTED]. He said that she told him that she had gone through New York and had tried to see someone from the National Office but had been unable to.

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PHILIP BART remarked that [REDACTED] was a lot of and that she could have seen him for five minutes if she had really called and wanted to.

- 2 - Chicago (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-80347) (415)

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"PHIL BART from New York. PHIL is not a district committee member, but [redacted] with him in [redacted] which is the [redacted] and also the club that is having many difficult ideological differences. [redacted] had requested such a meeting at a previous D. C. meeting. Besides BART, present at the D.C. meeting were [redacted]

"The agenda was as follows:

"1 - 40th Anniversary Celebration - [redacted]

"2 - District Draft Resolution -- [redacted]

"On the 40th Anniversary, [redacted] said it would be held Oct. 10, instead of Oct. 9, at the Essex Hotel, 13th & Filbert. [redacted] will be the main speaker. There will be entertainment from [redacted] who was secured by PHIL BART. [redacted] said. There will also be a tape recording from [redacted] who cannot be present because of restriction on travel. [redacted] said the party's anniversary affair will be used as a turn in on the Fund Drive. The admission for the affair is 1.00 - and .50 for the unemployed.

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[redacted] spoke briefly on the matter saying he proposed using envelopes and asking comrades and friends to make a contribution. This was accepted by all the comrades as a very good way of obtaining funds. [redacted] then asked the people present, how many people would be expected from their respective areas. From the following: W. Phila: 25, [redacted] 15, [redacted] 3 - which is the entire club, [redacted] 20, [redacted] 25, [redacted] 4, and [redacted] felt this was good in view of the ideological headaches they are having in that area; [redacted] felt we should work for no less than 150 people. To insure this he called for a meeting of all club chairmans to make certain all clubs are aware of this affair. A meeting of such a nature will be held on Wed. Sept. 23 at [redacted] Ave., at 8:30 P.M.

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"The next point on the agenda was [redacted] report on the district Draft Resolution. When [redacted] pulled out this long document, everyone became uneasy. [redacted] asked what [redacted] intended to do and [redacted] he was going to read it. This made [redacted] very angry. He lashed out at [redacted] saying, quote 'How do you, expect us to discuss such a thick document, by listening to you read it. We should have had the thing and read it before the meeting.' unquote. [redacted] answered saying, 'I am only one man, it was humanly impossible for me in two week's time to draw up such a draft and print 15 or 16 copies.' unquote.

[redacted] asked him how many pages. He said eighteen.

"The comrades were very upset. It was finally agreed that [redacted] read the report.

"The Draft dealt with the Economic Status of the working class people in the U. S. A. [redacted] called for a return or rather refund of Federal taxes to the State. The draft called for slum clearance.

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"It also called for special attention to the Negro people's movement. It called for the recognition that the question of steel is the key to the economic struggle and that emphasis be placed on organized labor.

"However, [redacted] report called for more emphasis to be placed on the youth, because the future of the party, according to [redacted] rests with how well we win the youth of this country. In the report [redacted] felt that we should not attempt to tackle all problems, but to examine carefully specific problem and find answers to these. The floor was opened for discussion after [redacted] had spent almost (one hour and 1/2) reading the document.

[redacted] spoke briefly. She felt the draft was a good beginning, but was surprised it did not deal with the ideological situation in the party. She felt the draft was one of program, rather than one grappling with the party

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"difficulties. [redacted] was the next speaker. He agreed with [redacted] that the ideological question should have been dealt with. He said he had pictured the draft in a different state but felt there was much good material in it.

[redacted] spoke next. She felt the report itself did not grasp the question of the situation that exist today. She felt it gave more of a picture rather than an analysis. She felt an analysis of the party here in the district is necessary.

[redacted] spoke next. He said he was disappointed with the draft. He felt it did not deal with the inner party struggle.

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[redacted] spoke next. He felt [redacted] report was good as far as it went, but it did not go further enough. He felt the Negro Question was vague. He felt a fight for the party must be waged and the way to do is to win back the lost membership and to do this the district draft must be clear and to the point. [redacted] spoke next, he felt the draft did not go deep enough into the state of the party. The question of left-secterism and revisionism was not dealt with in the draft. He felt that since the change in leadership in the district some positive gains have been made. The draft did not, he said, point this out.

"At this stage in the discussion, [redacted] reminded the comrades the hour was running late and he wanted to know what the comrades wished to do. They agreed to a couple more speakers. PHIL BART was given the chance to speak next.

"I feel we do not need too many resolutions, after all there will be resolutions coming from the national committee.' [redacted] resolution should deal with every phase of the problems facing us, but attempt to solve only those few, which we have forces to work with.'

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"In other words we must concentrate on certain problems. We can't catch on to a hundred different problems and come up with a hundred different answers.'

"There are real ideological differences in the party today. For example there are different approaches, ideologically, about steel workers in Pa. Some comrades refer to them as The Aristocracy of Labor.'

"This is a wrong approach. The steel workers have fought hard for their gains and are fighting even harder to maintain them'

"Problems like these must be solved.'

"There must also be a real fight to win back some of our lost membership. This must be a concentration point, if we sincerely mean to rebuild the party. It can and must be done.' unquote.

"The hour was getting late, so a halt was called on the discussion.

"The next meeting of the District Committee will be held on Monday_ 9/28/59.

"The agenda will be (a) Nat'l Resolution _ (2) District Resolutions.

"It was proposed that a subcommittee be set up to work on [redacted] report and reshape it to include the reflection of discussion held around it. The committee is [redacted]

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"It was also proposed there be an organizational report. [redacted] will work on this.

"Meeting adjourned."

[redacted] previously has identified [redacted] respectively, as [redacted]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC NEW YORK (100-7451)

DATE: 10/13/59

FROM : SAC NEWARK (100-4234)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
NEW JERSEY DISTRICT
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On 10/9/59, NK 1828-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PAT TOOHEY contacted LOTTIE GORDON on that date. NK 1828-S* advised that PAT TOOHEY stated that he invited PHIL (believed to be PHIL BART) for next week. TOOHEY also stated that WILLIAM PATTERSON wants two people to send down to Atlantic City to distribute 500 copies of this week's paper ("The Worker") that has the big section on the Reuther business with the visitor from abroad. NK 1828-S* advised that LOTTIE GORDON informed PAT TOOHEY that because of a funeral in Newark he would have to obtain someone from Camden or Trenton since everyone in Newark would be attending the funeral.

NK 1828-S* advised that PAT TOOHEY indicated that he had been in contact with the farm people on 10/8/59 until early in the morning of 10/9/59. NK 1828-S* advised that PAT TOOHEY indicated he had been to headquarters (believed to be NJCP Headquarters in Newark) and had left material there which required stapling. NK 1828-S* advised that PAT TOOHEY indicated that he would leave messages for LOTTIE GORDON with the old girl at the little store (FANNIE LERNER).

- 3 - New York (RM)
 (1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
 (1 - 100- WILLIAM PATTERSON)
- 4 - Newark
 (1 - 100-35106 LOTTIE GORDON)
 (1 - 100-19491 PAT TOOHEY)
 (1 - 100-1804 FANNIE LERNER)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-1656)

10/14/59

SA DONALD E. HARTNETT

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
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On 9/29/59, NY 2318-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a woman who identified herself as FREIDA (KATZ) from Cleveland, contacted ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and advised her that she had just arrived by car for the funeral of ANDY ONDA. ELIZABETH told her that the funeral was being held by that "IWO guy," I.J. MORRIS, at his funeral parlor located at Rockaway Parkway and Church Avenue in Brooklyn. FREIDA indicated that she wanted to see ELIZABETH and her sister, KATHY, because she has a fur coat for KATHY. ELIZABETH told her that she is too sick to see anyone that day and has to rest up for the coming meeting on Friday night. (40th anniversary celebration CP, USA).

On that same date, ROSE BARRON contacted ELIZABETH to say that EDNA WINSTON had asked her for \$285.00 (from the ESAY Fund) for her October visit to her husband, HENRY WINSTON. ROSE said that EDNA had become quite nasty when she told her that there was only \$200.00 left in the fund and wanted to know where all the money went. ROSE said she told EDNA that the only person she has to give an accounting to is to ELIZABETH, but she did tell EDNA that BOB THOMPSON's daughter was given \$165.00 from the fund to see her father. She also told EDNA that she had given PHIL BART \$250.00 a few months ago for EDNA's children which had never been used and which she would try to get for EDNA. ELIZABETH said that was fine but that she shouldn't send a check to EDNA until she talks to PHIL BART to determine whether he had spent the money for something else. The remaining conversation concerned the ANDY ONDA funeral "fiasco."

- 1-Cleveland (100-) (FREIDA KATZ) (RM)
- 1-NY (100-) (I.J. MORRIS)
- 1-NY (100-68111) (KATHY FLYNN) (422)
- 1-NY (100-45462) (ROSE BARRON) (424)
- 1-NY (100-78589) (EDNA WINSTON) (415)
- 1-NY (100-269) (HENRY WINSTON) (411)
- 1-NY (100-27452) (BOB THOMPSON) (415)
- ①-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1-NY (100-1696)

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Identity of Informant NY 1749-S*
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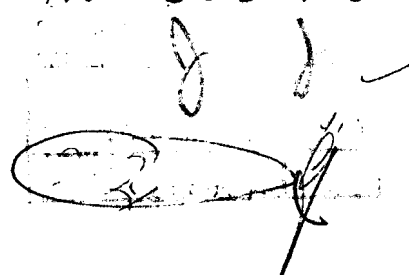
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NY 1749-S* has reported that on 9/22/59, an unknown woman contacted CONNIE and PHIL (BART). The unknown woman told CONNIE she just got home - and was exhausted - and asked for PHIL. The unknown woman asked how PHIL felt after his beating in "our" neighborhood. PHIL told her it wasn't exactly a beating - he was walking down a dark street and got a little shock - it was sort of an introduction with this (to juvenile delinquency). PHIL said he got this shock - and his hat fell off - he bent over to get it and a kid made a run for it, that's all. The unknown woman said she called because a friend of hers - this gal - was at the funeral (ANDY ONDA's) this afternoon and was very upset about who invited CHARLIE (LOMAN) - was it the (ONDA's) wife. PHIL said he was just as upset - "we" are all upset - "It was a fractional group that arranged it and turned it into a gutter politics"; they took a body lying there and used it for the most filthy purposes. There was a 3 page letter read there by ALLEN ... not ALLEN - you know who I mean. The unknown woman repeated yeah, yeah - I know. PHIL said (AL LANNON) is in California now. The unknown woman insisted she knew.

1-Cleveland (Info) (RM) (100-GUS HALL)
1-New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
1-New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
1-New York (100-114143) (THERESA ONDA) (422)
1-New York (100-80641) (415)

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The unknown woman said that this girl (unknown woman's friend at the funeral) is supposed to be with "them" (the factional group), but she is very disturbed and disgusted with what happened. PHIL said "everybody was there; no one was invited to participate in the most minute matter." PHIL said he was helping to arrange it the last few days and just broke his neck to arrange on the main thing; to be sure they had enough (money) to pay for a funeral. PHIL said everybody regardless of what political persuasion - left (the funeral) sick. PHIL said "we" made arrangements - "we" had speakers proposed and "we" proposed to fit them into anything they wanted. PHIL said "we" were told to keep our hands off - without actually saying so.

The unknown woman said another thing she called about - was it possible to get GUS (HALL) to come to a few places. PHIL told the unknown woman that GUS leaves tomorrow afternoon and will be gone for a month. He is going to Chicago first and on from there; he will be back the latter part of October. Unknown woman said she would be in touch with PHIL then, to see about getting GUS for a few things. The unknown said "she" agreed with "them" (factionalists?) during the discussions on various things - but "she's" an honest person and just couldn't take it.

PHIL said he did not know about CHARLIE until late last night and the others did not know until this morning - and yet "they" have (ONDA's funeral arrangers?) been in touch with us the whole time - so it shows they were not dealing honestly. "We" have always said that factionalism leads to the ... the worse kind of ... The unknown woman said if you say "A" you get down to "Z" - and that is the gutter. PHIL agreed and told the unknown woman there were 10 cars at the cemetery - good response from people as human beings. He said one group of steel guys came in from Youngstown. The unknown woman asked if it (cemetery) was the same place as the others are (buried)? PHIL said yes, that is what "we" arranged.

The unknown woman and PHIL agreed they will be in touch.

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-)

10/15/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-)

CLARENCE HATHAWAY
IS-C

On 9/21/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART had held a conversation at their residence, 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and had discussed a number of items.

PHIL BART had commented to CONNIE that (CLARENCE) HATHAWAY was coming through very nicely and that he was taking on work and helping out a lot there. PHIL commented that when HATHAWAY was expelled from the Party, he never became bitterly opposed to it and he was outstanding in that respect. He said that GENE DENNIS says his political acumen is up to date even though he is 65 years old and just recently retired. He said that HATHAWAY wrote a beautiful letter and had it circularized on why he would never talk to the FBI as it would discredit the Constitution if he did.

CONNIE mentioned that HATHAWAY was expelled from the CP about the time she joined and PHIL commented ~~yes~~ it was about 1938.

2 - Minneapolis (100-) (RM)
1 - Newark (100-) (MARTHA STONE) (RM)
① - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
1 - New York (100-) (ALFRED BLUMBERG) (425)
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PHIL said that DOC BLUMBERG was making a demand to get back into the CP and that he thought they would have to consider it. CONNIE commented that if they could just get back one person like that from the Right, it would help. She said it would not surprise her if MARTHA STONE came back. PHIL commented that STONE's coming back is possible but that her leaving was emotional and her return would have to be emotional.

TO: SAC, BOSTON (100-16707) DATE: 10/15/59

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
NEW YORK DISTRICT
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1-Boston (100-16707) (SCOTT NEARING) (RM)
 1-New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
 1-New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
 1-New York (100-) (FRANK ALEXANDER) (412)
 1-New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
 1-New York (100-84275) (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON) (415)
 1-New York (100-17924) (CARL BRODSKY) (424)
 1-New York (100-97856) (HELEN ALFRED) (425)
 1-New York (100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (415)
 1-New York (100-95550) (PAUL ROBESON, JR.) (425)
 1-New York [REDACTED]
 1-New York (100-94429) (SAUL GROSS) (424)
 1-New York (100-133510) (REGINA BOELICKI) (41)
 1-New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (415)
 1-New York (100-60640) (HAROLD COLLINS) (416)
 1-New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)
 1-New York (100-82863) (ARTHUR EDELMAN) (425)
 1-New York (100-137890) (HERMAN SACKNOFF) (416)
 1-New York (100-120546) (STANLEY GOODMAN) (422)
 1-New York (100-88013) (SOPHIE NASCIMENTO) (425)
 1-New York (100-81450) (ARTHUR ZIPSER) (425)
 1-New York (100-54555) (EVELYN WIENER) (424)
 1-New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (422)
 1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (422)
 1-New York (100-82905) (WILBUR BROMS) (422)
 1-New York (100-50842) (OAKLEY JOHNSON) (425)
 1-New York (100-50094) (ESTHER CANTOR) (425)
 1-New York (100-26603) (416)

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On the evening of 9/25/59, SA DAVID RYAN attended a 40th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the CP, USA, that was held at Carnegie Hall, N.Y.C. It is estimated 1900 individuals attended this celebration which started at 8:25 pm and concluded at 11:00 pm.

The following individuals were speakers at this celebration:

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairwoman

EUGENE DENNIS, introduced as National Secretary, CP, USA

FRANK ALEXANDER (N-M-22-5'11"-165) who was identified as a guest from California who had attended the recent World Youth Festival in California.

SCOTT NEARING who was identified as a farmer, writer, and traveler, and "a guest" of the meeting. It is noted NEARING in his speech identified the U.S. as responsible for all the wars and misery in the world and recommended in reference to the U.S. government, that "the garbage be swept out and collected."

Also sitting on the stage were JACK STACHEL and WILLIAM L. PATTERSON but they did not speak.

The collection was taken by CARL BRODSKY and it was announced that HELEN ALFRED had contributed \$50.00.

Greetings to the celebration were read from WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, President Emeritus, CP, USA and a tape in Spanish was played wherein JUAN MARINELLO, President of the CP of Cuba, spoke.

The following individuals were observed by SA DAVID RYAN as present in the meeting hall or either entering or leaving the hall on the evening of 9/25/59:

PAUL ROBESON, JR.

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who was seated with the youth group,

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SAUL GROSS, who was selling the "Worker" at the entrance to the meeting,

REGINA BŒELICKI, who solicited contributions in the audience,

BETTY GANNETT, who was active in the vicinity of the stage,

HAROLD COLLINS

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who was active in the vicinity of the stage and who assisted CARL BRODSKY in announcing the contributions received,

ARTHUR EDELMAN, whose main interest appeared to be in the younger girls present,

HERMAN SACKNOFF, who was sitting near the youth group and talking to

STANLEY GOODMAN

SOPHIE NASCIMENTO, who was selling the "Worker",

ARTHUR ZIPSER

EVELYN WIENER

CONNIE BART

PHIL BART

WILBER BROMS, who opened the meeting with the National Anthem and who later lead the Youth Chorus,

OAKLEY JOHNSON

ESTHER CANTOR

SAC, NEW YORK

10/16/59

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

PHIL FRANKFELD
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Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Reliability	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	9/29/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 9/29/59, PHIL (BART) contacted (PHIL FRANKFELD). FRANKFELD asked BART how many attended last week end and BART said 2 (meaning 2,000). FRANKFELD said he heard that there were 18 (1800). FRANKFELD asked why GUS did not speak for the people would like a new face and new voice. BART told him that GUS spoke in Chicago and is presently touring the West Coast. BART stated that the meeting went off well and no one seemed bored.

FRANKFELD asked BART to set up a luncheon date and BART said that he is leaving Friday and does not know if he will be back by Monday. He told FRANKFELD to call him Wednesday so they can set up the luncheon.

1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-) (422)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-120617) (422)

10/16/59

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

DICK KANSTROM
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Identity of Informant NY 1749-S*
(Conceal and paraphrase)

Reliability Who has furnished
reliable information
in the past

Date 9/28/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 9/28/59, [redacted] contacted PHIL (BART) to remind PHIL about tomorrow night. PHIL did not remember where - but said he would go over to [redacted] place. [redacted] asked if PHIL would have that thing prepared that they were talking about the last time. PHIL could not remember what that was - he has been so busy. [redacted] said, the publication - you were going to explain it to me.... PHIL said he would see [redacted] tomorrow and they could straighten it out.

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1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-120617) (422)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-27539)

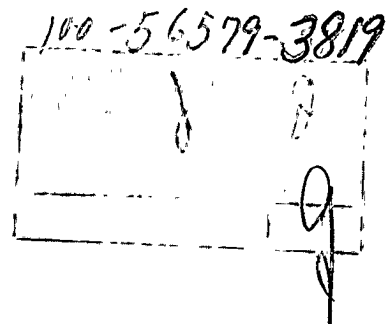
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Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Reliability	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	9/30/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 9/30/59, CARL WINTER contacted PHIL (BART). PHIL said he would like to have CARL come into New York next Tuesday. CARL wanted to know what was up. PHIL said a number of things that could not be discussed before....especially in connection with CARL... things that were not taken up when GENE was in Chicago. CARL said he would not be able to get to NY before Tuesday at 1:00 and would have to leave early Wednesday morning. PHIL said they would leave it at that..and mentioned that it involves someone that is further than CARL.

1-Detroit (100-13420) (RM)
1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-New York (100-27539)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579)

FROM: SA [Redacted]

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DATE: 10/16/59

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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The above captioned subject was observed entering and/or leaving 23 West 26th St., New York, New York.

NY 1726-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 4/21/57 that effective 4/15/57 the National and New York State offices of the Communist Party would occupy the premises at 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York.

NY 694-S* on 6/5/58 advised that the editorial staff of "The Worker" was to be moved into the building at 23 West 26th Street on 6/7,8/58.

NY 2002-S* on 6/20/58 verified the occupancy of the basement and first floor areas of building by the office staff of "The Worker", an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OBSERVED BY SAS</u>
10/5 /59	[Redacted] STEPHEN FEDUNIAK
10/7 /59	STEPHEN FEDUNIAK [Redacted]
10 /8 /59	STEPHEN FEDUNIAK
10/9 /59	STEPHEN FEDUNIAK [Redacted]
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SAC, NEW YORK (100-131066)

10/19/59

SA HAROLD P. QUINN #415

CP - SOUTHERN REGION
IS - C

On 10/3/59, NY 1750-S* , who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART had discussed a number of items at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY.

The subject told his wife that he had attended a meeting of the Southern Region that day to which his wife asked if "the big expert JACK SHULMAN" was there?" PHIL told her that SHULMAN had not attended. He said that the meeting was held in a large apartment on upper Riverside Drive with one side looking over the Palisades and the other viewing the George Washington Bridge.

CONNIE asked PHIL if he had participated in the meeting and he said that he had. In passing, PHIL mentioned that JIM JACKSON was looking for a new place to live, in that his present apartment was too small.

PHIL said that at the above meeting he was talking to one of the men who used to be an organizer but was fired. He described him as being white and apparently he lost his job because of his political beliefs. He said that he would like to have spent some time with him.

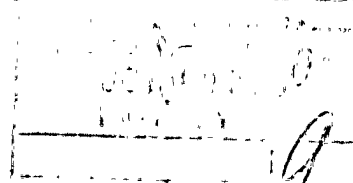
CONNIE asked what the purpose of the meeting was and PHIL told her that it was supposed to be a report on the Southern Region but it had turned into a criticism of the CP organization. He said there was one fellow there who was really sharp and used to be a big shot in the steel union. He said that he told the meeting that the Party must do more open work in the South and must speak out on issues. CONNIE asked if JIM JACKSON, who was there, had agreed with this viewpoint and he said that JACKSON definitely had agreed.

1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART)
1 - New York (100-111066) (JACK SHULMAN) (#415)
1 - New York (100-)
1 - New York (100-16785) (JIM JACKSON) (#415)
1 - New York (100-131066)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-135484)

10/19/59

SA HAROLD P. QUINN #415

AGNES WILLIS
SM - C

On 10/2/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART had discussed a number of items at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY.

Source advised that AGNES WILLIS visited the BARTS for dinner that evening. She arrived at approximately 8:07 p.m. During the evening, WILLIS, in discussing housing, said that she shares a six room house with another girl and that it costs her approximately \$87.00 per month. Later, while discussing education, WILLIS said that her two girls did not intend to go to college, but they will finish high school. She said that last year, her union started a scholarship fund and she may try to have her children take advantage of it.

WILLIS then mentioned that she was going to have to change her way of transportation as the plant where she is employed was moving to Queens. She said that her shop makes knitting machines and they are finding it very difficult to compete.

During the conversation, PHIL BART mentioned that he had been talking to IRVING HERMAN that week and that HERMAN is now in the printing trade where he earns between \$129.00 to \$132.00 per week and with overtime, earns up to \$160.00. PHIL commented that even when HERMAN was a functionary in the CP, he could not make close to that.

Most of the discussion during the rest of the evening was regarding economics and unions as well as juvenile delinquency and the Puerto Rican problem in NY. WILLIS mentioned that she would like to see a trade union club in the Bedford section and PHIL explained that this was not possible, saying that the trade union clubs of the CP are not heterogeneous trade unionists put

- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART)
- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART)
- 1 - New York (100-82430) (IRVING HERMAN) (#422)
- 1 - New York (100-135484) (#422)

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together into a club but rather a group of people from the same union.

Continuing, BART said that he is a member of a printing trade union club in Brooklyn. He explains that the reason for this is so that these people can be a nucleus within the trade union itself or organizations such as the NAACP in Brooklyn. He said that this nucleus composed of only four or five people can possibly gather about them twenty-five or thirty who are synonymous to their way of thinking and in this way, have a tremendous influence on any action taken by the union. BART advised WILLIS to try to use some influence in the union to which she belongs and in the NAACP of which she is a member.

WILLIS left the apartment at approximately 12:10 p.m. and after leaving, CONNIE commented to PHIL that WILLIS had "a lot on the ball and she expects a lot from her". PHIL commented that at least WILLIS seemed interested.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-32430)

10/19/59

SA HAROLD P. QUINN #415

IRVING HERMAN
SM - C

On 9/29/59, NY 1750-S*, who is cognizant of certain affairs that take place in the residence of PHILIP and CONNIE BART, 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, advised that on that date, PHIL BART was visited at his residence by the subject.

Source advised that the subject arrived at the BART residence at approximately 1:50 p.m. and left at approximately 3:25 p.m. During that period, source was not able to determine what was discussed by the subject and BART; however, source said it appeared that BART was giving HERMAN a review of his personal activities since he took over the position of Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA.

1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART)
1 - New York (100-32430)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-70432)

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN #415²²⁻

ABE COTTON
SI - C

On 9/28/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised PHIL and CONNIE BART, during a discussion at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY, had discussed a number of items.

PHIL and his wife, CONNIE, discussed ABE COTTON apparently after PHIL and just finished talking to him on the telephone. He commented that he did not have to talk to a "bum" like that just because he was still in the CP. He said COTTON and that whole group have been nothing more than an anti-Party clique. He said he called because he wanted the CP to pay \$40.00 for flowers for the ONDA funeral. He said if COTTON came to the door right that minute, he would throw him out physically. He said that COTTON is the one who was responsible for LONDON's speech being read at the funeral although he feels that THERESA ONDA was also in on it.

He continued that he hoped they would go to the district and BEN DAVIS for support on this thing just so it would be brought out in the open. He said let them go out and raise the money as they have been raising it right along without the CP receiving any of it.

CONNIE BART told PHIL not to lose his temper and lower himself to the same class as COTTON. She said that she had to deal with him in Kings County CP affairs to which PHIL retorted that she can deal with him but she is never to allow him to come near their door again.

1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART)
1 - New York (100-5622) (ANDY ONDA) (#422)
1 - New York (100-23325) (BEN DAVIS) (#416)
1 - New York (100-70432) (ABE COTTON)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) 10/19/59
FROM : SA [redacted]
SUBJECT: PHIL BART
SM-C

[redacted] advised SA JOHN HAAG on 9/30/59, that on [redacted] a meeting of the [redacted] of CP, USA, was held at Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Ave., NYC.

Adelphi Hall consists of 8th floor through 11th floor, a building located at 74 5th Ave., NYC. The first 7 floors are occupied by other business establishments.

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The above captioned subject was observed entering and/or leaving 74 5th Ave., NYC, on dates indicated:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OBSERVED BY SAS</u>
9/26/59	[redacted] JOHN R. HAWKEN
9 /27/59	[redacted] HAROLD P. QUINN

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * * * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEWARK (100-) DATE: 10/20/59

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-49430) (411)

SUBJECT: PAT TOOHEY
IS-C

On 9/26/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART had held a conversation at their residence, 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and had discussed a number of items.

PHIL BART and his wife discussed the Eastern Regional CP Conference which they had attended that day and PHIL complained that the Conference on that day had been poorly attended. They both then criticized JIM TORMEY for leaving the Conference early along with his wife, BETTY GANNETT. PHIL commented that "that guy should be called Mr. GANNETT as he is just her lackey."

PHIL and his wife complained that there had been no one at the Conference from the New York State CP leadership and CONNIE said that BEN DAVIS should have been there. PHIL mentioned that he had heard that ALBERTSON had held a meeting today some place else.

4 - Newark (100-) (RM)
(1-100-) (LOTTIE GORDON)
(1-100-) (DAVE GORDON)

1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (422)
1 - New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (416)
1 - New York (100-135484) (AGNES WILLIS) (422)
1 - New York (100-)
1 - New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (416)
1 - New York (100-129629) (BILL ALBERTSON) (416)
1 - New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
1 - New York (100-16785) (JIM JACKSON) (415)
1 - New York (100-49430)

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CONNIE then commented that AGNES (WILLIS) was going to come over to their apartment next Friday for a visit. She also commented that [redacted] [redacted] Conference and she said that she thought he was quite good to which PHIL agreed.

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PHIL commented that LOTTIE (GORDON) and her husband DAVE were there and that he knows them quite well but that PAT (TOOHEY) cannot stand either of them.

CONNIE asked PHIL why PAT (TOOHEY) had been made chairman of the meeting that day and PHIL said that JACK STACHEL had nominated JACKSON but that we did not want it to look like a "put up national job."

SAC, NEW YORK (100-82430)

10/20/59

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

IRVING HERMAN
SM-C

Identity of Informant NY 1749-S*
(Conceal and paraphrase)

Reliability Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date 10/10/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 10/10/59, PHIL (BART)
contacted (IRVING HERMAN) and asked if ROSE was there.
ROSE was out shopping. PHIL told HERMAN to tell his dad ..
not to bother coming in on Monday to see JACK. PHIL
said (dad) could reach him after Monday.

1-NY (100-55579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-82430)

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PAT TOOHEY
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Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Reliability	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	10/10/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 10/10/59, PHIL (BART) contacted PAT TOOHEY and informed him that he had arrived this morning from New Haven, Conn. PHIL said he was in Newark yesterday. He stated "they are firm" and that he wanted to meet with "them" and PAT this coming Wednesday (10/14/59) to discuss the matter in detail. They agreed to meet this coming Wednesday.

1-Newark (RM)
① New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-New York (100-49430)

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WJL
 TO : SAC NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 10/20/59

WJL
 FROM : SAC NEWARK (100-31376)

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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On 10/14/59, NK 1828-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL (BART) arrived in Newark by bus on 10/14/59. NK 1828-S* advised that BART indicated he was planning to go to the home of LOTTIE GORDON on that date.

① - New York (INFO) (RM)

3 - Newark

(1 - 100-35106 LOTTIE GORDON)

(1 - 100-4284V CONNECTION OF NJCP WITH CP, USA)

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TO : SAC NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 10/21/59

FROM : SAC NEWARK (100-31376)

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
IS - C

On 10/1/59, NK 1828-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that LOTTIE GORDON had conversed with PHIL (BART) on that date and had told him that flowers had been sent (to TIM ADAMS) in the name of the organization. NK 1828-S* advised that when PHIL heard this, he stated that a telegram would be sent. NK 1828-S* advised that PHIL would be tied up for the rest of the week but he hopes to get in touch with LOTTIE GORDON during the week of 10/4/59.

① - New York (RM) (INFO)

3 - Newark

(1 - 100-35106 LOTTIE GORDON)

(1 - 100-4284V)

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TO : SAC (100-20779) DATE: 10-2-59
 (Att. Supervisor [redacted])
 FROM : SA [redacted]
 SUBJECT: CP - ORGANIZATION
 IS - C

From: [redacted]

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Concealment and reliability: BS T- [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past.

Date and description: [redacted] Meeting of CP at [redacted]

Date Received; 9-17-59.

Received By: SA [redacted]

Location: [redacted]

In view of the sensitivity of this informant, the utmost care must be utilized to carefully paraphrase this information prior to dissemination in order to protect the identity of this informant.

Informant's written report, dated September 15, 1959, follows:

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1 - 100-16410 CP POLITICAL ACTIVITIES
1 - 100-24111 NEGRO QUESTION
1 - 100-16191 CP FUNDS
1 - [redacted]
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1 - 100-7908 CP, USA, DISTRICT #1
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1 - 100-18049 CP NEW HAMPSHIRE
1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
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Street in Roxbury, Mass., and there waited for [redacted] who was expected from Providence, R. I. -

Later [redacted] drove to Lynn to attend a D. C. meeting at [redacted]

[redacted] Present at this meeting were -

[redacted]

The meeting opened at about 10:30 A.M. by [redacted]

The Agenda for this meeting

- 1st - Draft Political Resolution & the Negro Draft Resolution.
- 2nd - Eastern Seaboard Conference
- 3rd - Fund Drive.

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[redacted] that he had attended the National Committee Meeting held in New York July 25 & 26th - [redacted] two draft resolutions were presented taken from a 24 page report by [redacted] further said that he agreed with many things in the resolution (Political) but that he was not in complete accord with part of the resolution and for that reason was opposed to its complete adoption. [redacted] discussed the Foreign Policy and what the Party's stand is - a United front for Peace. - [redacted] also discussed the 30 hour work week - and the dumping of atomic waste in the Atlantic - [redacted] said that the Gloucester Fishermen are up in arms and need help. [redacted] said that labor unions are the answers to the peace question - the Atomic Waste dumping and that both Democrats & Republicans in the 2 party system which is controlled by big business has failed the Workers of America. The Communists are on the move - [redacted] said world events have changed in our favor - We in the past supported the democratic party - but that support must stop - we must support either party who helps the workers or supports class struggle - right now we must praise the Republican Party for their stand on KHRUSHCHEV'S visit over the protests of the KENNEDYS - REUTHERS - TRUMANS and of Card, CUSHING.

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[redacted] the big business controls both parties, that American Labor will be squeezed because profits are not coming in from outside interests - [redacted] state convention labor delegates should be contacted to talk up a Labor - Farmer - Negro Party - even in democratic party circles. [redacted] the adoption of Draft Political resolution as presented.

[redacted] his opposition to the resolution - [redacted] that the democratic party with the Dixiecrats - sold the American Working class down the river - and that the party should take a stand on individual party candidates who are anti-Labor - either Republicans or Democrats - [redacted] said to condemn one party or the other would offend some members who are pro-labor and interested in class struggle. [redacted] that Communists* ideology was becoming a reality in the American Labor movement and that it is the only answer to World Peace. [redacted] - KHRUSHCHEV'S visit was the greatest thing to happen to the American Communist Party - [redacted] - it will mark the beginning of recognition of our Party. [redacted] went on and said that an American Labor-Farmer-Negro Political Party is a reality - but must be introduced by Labor leaders or at Democratic state conventions.

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[redacted] that the 30 hour work week was the most appealing issue to bring before the workers - [redacted] further said - that altho the Party did not get credit it was directly responsible for all Labor reform bills - such as Social Security - etc. [redacted] the party should contact the Gloucester fishermen to Protest thru the labor leaders the dumping of Atomic Waste in the immediate area.

[redacted] the resolution as presented - and that KHRUSHCHEV (S) visit is a great victory for the Left movement in America.

[redacted] many issues on the proposed resolution but that he also disagreed with others - and was opposed to its adoption. [redacted] that in a class struggle - sacrifices must be made - the Communist Party in America must be made strong -

" Our labor contacts are doing a good job - but that is not enough, we must convince the working class - the farmer - and the Negro that they must organize to form a strong united Political Party - this action must come from Labor leaders or even members of the Democratic party - We must take advantage of KHRUSHCHEV(S) visit as a step forward in obtaining our goals - [redacted] - did you know that [redacted] now want to meet with KHRUSHCHEV.

[redacted] - said that conditions in Vermont eased in favor of the party and that Congress(man) MEYER has the backing of the workers because of his fight for World Peace. [redacted] that was one reason why the Party could not attack the Democratic Party because of such men as MEYER.

[redacted] - Vermont - said she agreed that America needs a strong Labor-Farmer Labor Party.

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[redacted] that he agreed that the 86th Congress with its Dixiecrats sold the American Workers down the river - and that [redacted] weren't any better - [redacted] I believe that the American Labor Party should send a delegation to the Soviet Union - because it is only way the American workers can learn the truth about working conditions in the Soviet Union - [redacted] that all labor leaders who are affiliated with the party should be contacted and sort of hint around at their labor meetings that members of the democratic party should be told about a threatened Labor-Farmer-Negro Party - [redacted] he believed in a strong labor front for peace.

[redacted] that a United Labor front for Peace is essential - and said that the enemies of peace were the American imperialists - with the [redacted] the War Mongers in America are the capitalists - the Soviet Union has no Capitalists, therefore no War Mongers - [redacted] that some of the Leftist labor leaders were doing a good job - in the American class struggle. [redacted] the Resolution.

" [redacted] at this point said it was getting late - and requested a D.C. members to study the Draft Political Resolution for further discussion at the next meeting and also that at this meeting it was too late to discuss the Negro draft resolution.

[redacted] a representative of the National Committee to be present at the next meeting and he suggested [redacted] - and in the event [redacted] is unable to attend then PHIL BART will be invited.

[redacted] from the National headquarters to pass on to clubs to accept or reject - [redacted] the defeat of the referendum - [redacted] that if the referendum is adopted the National Committee would be cut in half with N. E. possibly losing a committee man.

The D. C. went on record opposing the adoption of the referendum and recommended that all clubs take similar action - this was carried.

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[redacted] the adoption of the referendum would give New York bureaucratic power over all other District Committees.

[redacted] that the party cleared \$110.00 at the [redacted] - and suggested that inasmuch as N. E. had sent \$1,331.00 to the Worker towards a \$1,500 quota - that the party put in the difference into the profits of the [redacted] meeting and complete the \$1,500 quota to the Worker. This was carried.

[redacted] sold \$28.00 worth of Party Literature at the [redacted]

[redacted] the Administrative Committee [redacted] for [redacted] cost \$500.00 and that [redacted] salary is now \$80.00 per week plus \$5.00 for expenses - and that [redacted] will get the gas for the car at one gas station charged to the Party.

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Fund Drive

[redacted] - South Shore \$255.00 North Shore \$550.00, New Hampshire & Vermont - \$140.00 - Worcester & Springfield \$12.00 - R. I. \$38.00 - Fall River \$108.00 - New Bedford - \$22.00- (Note [redacted] gave \$20.00) Boston District \$3,300.00 -

[redacted] in order to keep up collections must increase - [redacted] said she had about \$700.00 and [redacted] about 600.00.

Eastern Seaboard Conference -

This conference will be held in New York Sept. 26 & 27th, delegates selected from Eastern Seaboard District Committees. [redacted] - because he was unable to accept that [redacted]

[redacted] go to the conference - [redacted] b7D said he could not accept because it was his weekend on duty at the project - [redacted] The [redacted] to attend the Eastern Seaboard conference are - [redacted]

It was voted to send a letter of condolence to [redacted] on the death of his sister.

The next meeting will be held October 18, 1959.

[redacted] and showed him a picture she received from [redacted] also a letter asking [redacted] and other Fall River friends to write to [redacted]

[redacted] told her that he had dinner with [redacted] in Warsaw, Poland while he was passing through

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" [redacted] is described as 5' 9", dark complexion, 175 lbs., looks Italian, mixed gray and brown hair, crew cut style, age 57 yrs.

[redacted] is described as 5' 2", 138 lbs., hair plain brown, looks Jewish, complexion light, in 40's, wore wedding ring."

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All necessary action has been taken with respect to above information.

An Autostat copy of the Draft Political Resolution and of the Draft Resolution on the Negro Question in the United States has been placed in the 1A section of [redacted]

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-1763)

DATE: 10/6/59

FROM : SA ROMNEY STEWART

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT
COMMUNIST PARTY (SCDCP), USA
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
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100-4663 (BEN DOBBS)(SI)	100-4963 (PETTIS PERRY)(SI)
100-20432 (FRANK WHITLEY)(SI)	[redacted]
100-30439 (WILLIAM TAYLOR)(SI)	100-27931 (SOPHIE SILVER)(SI)
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100-48783 (IRV SNYDER)(SI)	100-32566 (HARRY FREED)(SI)
100-52571 (CHARLENE ALEXANDER)(SI)	100-58378 (CHARLIE from Valley)
100-56617 (ANITA ROSTODHA)(SI)	100-58521 (NATHAN from E. Hollywood)
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100-24692 (HOWARD LOUKS)(SI)	100-24349 (INT'L RELATIONS)
100-44901 (CAL GOODMAN)(SI)	100-23423 (POLITICAL ACTIVITY)
100-22612 (ELSIE MONJAR)(SI)	100-25365 (CP STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
100-36482 (MURRAY NAIDICH)(SI)	97-16 (PEOPLE'S WORLD)
100-53913 (PIERRE MANDEL)(SI)	
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100-50269 (TED KNOWLTON)(SI)	
100-23198 (NEMMY SPARKS)(SI)	
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[redacted] at the Convention Hall, [redacted]
[redacted] Los Angeles, Sunday,
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"The meeting was opened by DOROTHY HEALEY who gave a brief estimate of the visit of KHRUSHCHEV and stated that it was a definite contribution toward American Soviet friendship and world peace.

"She proposed a one-point agenda around the convention preparations and proposed that the meeting be divided into three subheadings -- 1) report of the National Committee meeting, 2) discussion from the sections, and 3) Board proposals for the District Convention. She announced that this District Council meeting opened the pre-convention period in the District.

"In reporting on the recent National Committee meeting, she listed the reasons why it was necessary to omit the scheduled District Council meeting for August and the postponement to this date. She said first there was the difficulty of reporting on the last National Committee meeting both because of the character of the resolution and because the National Committee, in effect, only endorsed a general line and the actual language of the resolutions was referred back to the Resident Board for final drafting; second was the fact that the resolutions on labor and Party organization have still not been discussed by the National Committee, and this material is not yet available to the Party membership; third was the decision of the National Committee not to submit any proposed amendments or changes to the National Constitution but to propose rather that the Districts make their proposals to the National Subcommittee on Constitution and Organization.

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"She said there are two ways we can approach the pre-convention discussion -- the old way which nobody would approve of which consisted primarily of attention only to the application of the line and not to an objective examination of the line for the purpose of amendments and modifications. She proposed instead the adoption of a new way -- first, to recognize that the National resolutions constitute only a draft which are open to amendments and change, then Sections and Clubs are urged to make proposals for strengthening and correction of the draft resolutions; second, to recognize that the draft resolution cannot define every particular - it can only present the general political line; third, to use the resolution to increase the ability of the Party membership to deal in a basic Marxist method with the resolution and to develop a new dexterity in using the Marxist method; and fourth, to enlarge the individual comrade's understanding of left methodology and approach and to utilize study of the Marxist classics and current material in deepening the Marxist understanding of the individual comrade.

"She said the National Committee went along with the proposal of endorsing a general national political line without exact language, because they felt the general line presented in the resolution represents a substantially correct line and a perspective for the immediate future. The main question in considering the resolution is what is number one in terms of the needs of our country. First is the question of the labor movement and the development of class consciousness leading to the organization and expression of independent political action by labor. Second is the development of the Negro people's movement. In placing these questions in life, it requires the fight for a mass line and the fight for the mastery of the tactic and strategy of the united front.

"Some of the delegates to the National Committee from the Southern California District voted against the section of the resolution dealing with the Party organization. DOROTHY HEALEY stated that she was one of those who so voted. This section, she said, fails to deal adequately or objectively with the internal Party problems, for example, the continuing ideological crisis and the development of the role of the American Communist Party.

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"She described the resolution on Negro work as an overcollectivised stew pot and urged the utilization of the same method to amend and examine the Negro resolution.

"This completed her report on the National Committee meeting.

"CAL GOODMAN proposed a five-minute discussion period, which DOROTHY HEALEY amended to a ten-minute period. This was adopted by the Council.

"Speakers:

"CAL GOODMAN said that in the opinion of the Professional Section the style of the document was atrocious, but the Section was in agreement with the placement of the primary ideological question as the struggle for peace. The Section was critical of the method used in the document because it posits but does not analyze objective situations and conditions. As examples, he cited the weakness in analyzing the struggle in the American bourgeois on the DULLES brinkmanship policy and that the document fails to analyze the relationship of the Communist Party to the rest of the left movement.

"NEMMY SPARKS compared the National draft political resolution to a TV set without a picture. He said the picture is out of focus and badly blurred. The foreign political section is not adequate. There is insufficient analysis of the relationship of forces since the removal of DULLES which has helped to clear the way to a new political atmosphere in foreign affairs. A new era is now beginning. He cited the visits of CASTRO and of KHRUSHCHEV as examples of the first leaders of revolutionary states to be invited to the United States since the revolutionary period began. He stated that the possibility of imperialism to wage war to destroy the socialist countries is now gone, but the resolution fails to emphasize this point. He said the dialectical relationship of problems and forces around foreign policy is not correctly placed.

"HENRY SAZER challenged the statement in the resolution, "The Party had defeated the revisionists and

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left sectarians,' as untrue. He said the section Out of Automation is dealt with in a one-sided and incorrect manner. He questioned the correctness of raising the slogan of a Farmer Labor Party and proposed instead an amendment limiting the proposal to a fight for labor representation. He challenged the statement in the resolution predicting crisis in two years.

"BILL TAYLOR stated the draft resolution is a good document to open the discussion; at least, he said, it is short. However, he felt the section on Peace was inadequately dealt with. He pointed out that there was no reference to the recent Stockholm Peace Conference, and in passing, he made a remark to the effect that the Los Angeles delegation headed, as he said, by Mr. Peace himself from Northern California (HOLLAND ROBERTS) was guarantee of the most virulent white chauvinism. On the question of building united front, he said the document should point out how to grapple with the question of foreign policy. He said it is necessary to guaranty the building of the Communist Party along with the development of the united front. He said the treatment of the Negro question in the draft resolution is inadequate. He reported that the Moranda Smith Section has made the following three proposals for the pre-convention period: 1) that every Club read the main resolution aloud; 2) that there be at least one section-wide mobilization during the pre-convention period in which ex-members of the Party would be invited to participate, excluding any former members who have issued or signed statements against the Party; and 3) that each Club recruit at least one member before the National Convention.

"SOPHIE SILVER stated the resolution lacks an evaluation of the Trade Union leadership. It fails to point out the use labor participation has in the key struggle for peace.

"DOROTHY HEALEY, speaking immediately after SOPHIE SILVER, agreed with SOPHIE SILVER's position and added the need for an estimate of the entire labor movement and the problem of developing the class consciousness of the working class as a whole.

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"JOHN HELLMAN emphasized the need for the development of mass work and made an appeal for any comrade to volunteer time to work on the special election in the 56th Assembly District scheduled for October 20th. He disagreed with HENRY SAZER, whom he identified as a comrade from his own Section, and urged the retention in the resolution of the perspective for a farmer labor party, pointing out that the process involved here is one of quantity to quality and not an immediate proposal. He was critical of the resolution in that it failed to treat the question of demagoguery in an adequate fashion.

"PIERRE MANDEL stated that in his opinion the major problem in this year's convention will be different from the previous one. Three years ago, he said, the problem was one of saving the Party. The problem this year is one of unifying the Party. Our main problem is one of developing an adequate understanding of the theory, strategy and tactics of the class struggle. He also urged greater attention to the development of Mexican-American work.

"At this point, 12:30, the meeting was adjourned for lunch, and it was announced the Council would reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

"Following the luncheon break, DOROTHY HEALEY turned the floor over to BEN DOBBS to report on the Los Angeles District Board proposals for the District Convention.

"DOBBS stated that his report would be divided into three parts: 1) the National Convention; 2) the District Convention; and 3) the National Referendum. First, the National Convention -- he urged that all comrades and all clubs obtain copies of September 'Political Affairs,' copies of which are now available in the Progressive Book Store. This issue carries the final draft of the two main resolutions. Second, he announced the District Bulletin and urged that all comrades submit discussion articles. He announced that the Education Department document of directives to assist the comrades in studying the main political resolution were mimeographed and available at the literature table. Third, he urged a full study of the District By-laws and

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recommendations for amendments and changes. Fourth, the National Constitution -- he urged study and amendments. He urged all Clubs and Sections to start the pre-convention discussion immediately, utilizing the above material. He announced that two pre-convention committees would begin their work on Friday, September 25th. (Following the meeting, comrades were told individually meetings will be held at 8:00 p.m. at Hungarian Hall on the 25th.) Constitution and Organization. Other convention committees such as Credentials, Technical, etc. will be organized later.

"The National Convention

"The following are decisions made by the National Committee not subject to change by the District:
The convention will be held in New York City, December 10th to the 13th. The basis for representation will be -- for the first 300 members, three delegates per 100 or a total of 9; for the second 200, two delegates for a total of 4; for each additional 75, one delegate. On the basis of present dues payments, Southern California is entitled to 16 to 18 delegates. He urged all Sections to collect back dues as rapidly as possible in guaranty the highest voting strength for our delegation. Eligibility is based on dues averages from October, 1958, to October, 1959. To finance the convention, the National Committee voted an assessment equal to two months dues for each member. The usual September solidarity assessment has been postponed to January.

"District Convention Proposals by the Southern California Board

"The District By-laws will govern the convention. The Board proposes a divided session, the first part to be held prior to the National Convention and to be devoted to a consideration of National problems and the election of a delegation to the National Convention; the second portion to be held following the National Convention and to be devoted to District problems and the election of District leadership. No Section conventions should be held before the first District convention. The time between now and the National

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Convention should be utilized for the discussion of National Resolutions. District problems and Section conventions should be scheduled prior to the second portion of the District Convention. The date for the first District Convention Session will be November 20, 21 and 22. On size and representation, the Board proposes that a convention of 100 to 125 delegates would be most desirable. Delegates will be elected from Clubs, however, each Section is entitled to one delegate. Each Club is entitled to one delegate regardless of size and one delegate for every 10 or a major fraction thereof. (In the vote on this motion, it was changed to one delegate for every 8 or major fraction thereof.) For the purposes of this convention, a Section shall be divided as a multi-club organization. Board members shall be entitled to all rights except the right of vote. Visitors -- visitors who are members of the Communist Party in good standing -- may apply for a visitor's pass by submitting their names to the Section which in turn will submit the name to the District Board for approval. The Board also requests the right to invite fraternal delegates, all of whom shall be members of the Party in good standing.

"On Finances and Budget

"The Board proposes a \$5.00 registration fee per delegate payable by the Club or Section from which the delegates comes.

"The Board proposes a special meeting of the District Council to be held Tuesday, October 6th, for the purpose of pre-convention discussion, with the main speaker being GUS HALL. This is an enlarged meeting, with the Board determining who shall attend in addition to elected delegates.

"DOBBS then proposed that we vote seriatim on the proposals.

"The Voting

"1) On the question of whether one District Convention or two District Conventions should be held.

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"Discussion

"SOPHIE SILVER, for Needle Trades, stated that that Section is in favor of the split session proposal.

"BILL TAYLOR, for Moranda Smith, stated that that Section is opposed to the split session proposal.

"MURRAY NAIDICH, from the Valley -- only one Club has discussed the question -- that club is opposed to the split session proposal.

"CAL GOODMAN, Professional Section -- that Section is in favor of the two session proposal.

"SIMONNE BERGMAN, from Beverly-Fairfax -- that Section favors the split session proposal; Beverly-Fairfax Section also proposes that any persons nominated for District office or for the National Convention delegation should be asked to publicly evaluate their work in relation to vanguard activities, their attitude toward the dictatorship by the proletariat, their feeling about the Soviet Union and similar questions.

"PIERRE MANDEL proposed that the District Council vote only on the question of holding the first session of the District Convention and that the District Convention itself determine whether to hold a second session.

"DOROTHY HEALEY pointed out that this proposal is in violation of the By-laws.

"DOBBS then placed the question as follows: There shall be two sessions of the District Convention -- one beginning November 20th, the other to be held in the third week in January. The vote was 27 Yes; 1 No; 1 Abstention. The second question was the basis of representation. DOBBS stated that on the basis of the District proposal of one delegate for every 10 members or major fraction thereof, the probable size of the convention would be approximately 90.

"In the discussion, [redacted] proposed an amendment that the delegation be based on [redacted]

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one for every 10 members or fraction thereof. CAL GOODMAN proposed one delegate for every 8 members or major fraction thereof. There was some confusion about voting order on these three proposals. Eventually, [REDACTED] proposal and the vote was taken between the Board motion and the motion of 8 or major fraction thereof. This was carried with 16 voting for.

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"The third proposal was on the definition of a Section as a multi-club organization. PIERRE MANDEL requested special consideration for the Eastside Coordinating Council which was recently organized but which is not recognized as a Section. The council voted to entitle the Coordinating Committee to one delegate. The motion for acceptance of the definition of a Section as proposed by the Board was passed unanimously.

"Next was the motion on Board members to be permitted all rights of delegates except that of vote. SOPHIE SILVER objected to this proposal on the basis that it would deprive the District leadership of a democratic right to vote. DOROTHY HEALEY pointed out that the thinking of the Board on this question was that if the Board members were to run as delegates from their Clubs it would deprive the rank and file members of a right to participate. Therefore, the Board urged acceptance of the proposal. The council voted unanimously to adopt the proposal.

"Next was the proposal of the Board to invite fraternal delegates and visitors, if they are members in good standing of the Party -- accepted unanimously.

"Next was the proposal on the \$5.00 registration fee. BILL TAYLOR raised the question of an additional \$1.00 assessment in the District to help finance the convention. This was ruled out of order as unconstitutional.

"CAL GOODMAN proposed an additional \$2.00 registration fee for the second session. DOROTHY HEALEY amended this to propose that the Board consider setting a visitor's registration fee. The Council finally referred all amendments back to the District Board and voted unanimously to adopt a \$5.00 registration fee for delegates.

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"Next, the Council unanimously adopted the proposal that Section conventions be held not later than the first two weeks in January. The Council unanimously adopted the proposal for a special District Council meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 6th.

"ANITA ROSTODHA raised the question as to the date by which delegates to the District Convention must be elected. The Council unanimously voted that all delegates to the District Convention must be elected not later than November 10th.

"FANNIE GOLOS objected to this on the basis that it was no business to the District Board when the delegates were elected.

"On the question that each Club recruit at least one member before the convention, the Council felt that there could be no vote on this and it was left as a recommendation.

[redacted] about technical help for the convention, and BEN DOBBS urged that all Sections attempt to get stenotypists or short hand secretaries who would assist at the Convention. Names of any such people should be turned into any member of the District Board. [redacted] also proposed that a full delegation be sent from Southern California to the National Convention, and if necessary, that each Section raise additional funds to guaranty that a full delegation goes.

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"SOPHIE SILVER spoke in support of this proposal.

"CHARLIE from the Valley moved that each Club raise an amount equal to the assessment to guaranty the sending of a full delegation. ANITA ROSTODHA urged that the District Board consider holding at least one major fund raising affair for this purpose.

"BILL TAYLOR pointed out it was very difficult to pass any definite motion on this question when the Board was not prepared with any estimate of costs. He, therefore, urged that the Council orient toward the sending of a maximum delegation and that the District come to the next Council

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meeting with some figures which would enable the Council to map definite plans.

"BEN DOBBS then took the floor again on the question of the National Referendum. He said the referendum refers to Article 5, Section 5 of the National Constitution relating to the election of the National Committee. The referendum is called under Article 9 which is the enabling clause. He said the National Committee did not discuss the merits of Article 5, Section 5, but merely the necessity of setting aside Article 5, Section 5, so the new convention could reach a determination on the question. He then launched into a complicated explanation of correspondence between the Southern California District Board and the National Resident Board on the wording of the Referendum as it was finally received. He stated that the wording of the Referendum as circulated by the Board nationally is not the content which was voted upon by the National Committee. First, he said, the wording of the Referendum indicates a definite position on the merits of Article 5, and second, the use of the word substitute implies a recommendation by the National Committee. The Southern California District Board felt this was a dishonest action on the part of the Resident Board in New York and they protested the wording. In an exchange of letters, Comrade PHIL BART of the Center, accused the Southern California District Board of quibbling and demanded that the Southern California District comply with the action of the Resident Board and conduct the Referendum. DOBBS announced that the Referendum period ends October 20th, therefore, the Council must act today on the question of conducting the Referendum in this District. He, therefore, moved that the District participate in the Referendum but that the criticisms of the Council be sent to the Resident Board in New York.

"CAL GOODMAN proposed that the District circulate the correspondence and attach to it a discussion on the validity and reasoning for the Referendum and the recommendations for the deletion of Article 5.

"DOROTHY HEALEY proposed that the District Council go on record as urging the Sections to participate in the Referendum and not to get diverted by the action of the National Committee in changing the content of the Referendum.

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She urged that we place the question in such a way that the manner of election to leading bodies and conventions will be the key question rather than the arbitrary action of the Resident Board.

"CHARLENE ALEXANDER recommended that the District Council vote on the editorial part of the document and communicate their position to the National Committee and that a similar vote be taken in the Clubs on the detachable Referendum section. She also urged that the District Council send a communication to the National Resident Board urging that the Southern California District correspondence on this question be circulated to all other Districts of the American Party.

"A motion was then made that the District Council vote to conduct the Referendum and not let it become the central question in the pre-convention period. It was pointed out that the Referendum will not provide for pre-judging the character and structure of National Committees in the future. The motion was passed unanimously.

"BEN DOBBS then made some announcements. He urged everyone to pick up material at the literature table, enough for all their Club members.

"DOROTHY HEALEY urged special mobilizations for the GUS HALL mass meeting on October 10th, including car pools, mailings, telephone campaigns, etc.

"SIMONNE BERGMAN read a resolution submitted by the Beverly-Fairfax Section calling for the assignment of two comrades in each Section to act as volunteer correspondents for the 'People's World' on subjects like community political affairs, community problems, discrimination, etc., and also that the 'People's World' acknowledge such communications and utilize them.

"DOROTHY HEALEY announced the article on the steel strike in the last District Bulletin and urged all Clubs to utilize the material. She also urged referral back to the recommendations of the June Council meeting which discussed this question and the following-up of the actions proposed around the steel strike.

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"The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

"The following were present at the meeting:

DOROTHY HEALEY
BEN DOBBS
FRANK WHITLEY
BILL TAYLOR

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IRVING SNYDER
HARRY (last name unknown), uncle of IRV SNYDER
CHARLENE ALEXANDER
ANITA ROSTODHA

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ELSIE MONJAR
MURRAY NAIDICH
CHARLIE (last name unknown)
PIERRE MANDEL

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TED KNOWLTON
NEMMY SPARKS
SIMONNE BERGMAN
JOHN HELLMAN
NATHAN from East Hollywood
HENRY SAZER
PETTIS PERRY

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SOPHIE SILVER
FANNIE GOLOS"

ACTION:

On [REDACTED] orally advised that the "LIL"
from San Diego is about 5'4" tall, 120-125 pounds; light brown
hair, believed parted on the side, worn rather long and curly.
It is believed this individual was identical with LILLIAN
HASKELL.

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Informant was thoroughly interviewed and could furnish no additional information.

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Informant's report, dated September 14, 1959, follows:

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"On [redacted] a [redacted]
meeting of the [redacted] Communist Party was held at the
[redacted] Massachusetts.
Those attending were as follows:

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[redacted] from Rhode Island
ANNE TIMPSON
ELSIE PIPER
BOB GOODWIN
JOE COSTA
ERNIE AUDET
MOSE and VIRGINIA CERASOLI from Barre, Vermont
OTIS HOOD
PHIL KORITZ
HOMER CHASE
HAROLD LEWENGRUB

"DANIEL BOONE SCHIRMER did not attend. It was reported that he and PEGGY had taken their oldest daughter to McGill University in Canada where she will study to be a doctor. It was also reported that LEW JOHNSON could not attend because his wife's older sister in Sharon had passed away.

"Proposed agenda for the day was the following:

"Discussion on the Draft Resolution.
Referendum relative to a change in the Constitution.
Eastern Seaboard Conference.
Report on the Fund Drive.

"HOMER CHASE gave a report on the Draft Resolution drawn up by EUGENE DENNIS. HOMER said that he had voted against this at the National Committee meeting because of the way it was presented by the Executive Committee -- that is, presenting it and requesting a vote on it the same day. He said that the National Committee did not have a chance to read it and that there had been no discussion below on it. He said the Draft Resolution should be a means of mobilizing our membership and that it should seriously attempt to present the Party's position in the world today. He felt the Resolution was very poorly done and very hurriedly done. He felt it a mistake to take the whole Party back to the Roosevelt era and attempt to move back

"to Browderism. He felt that it should be a clarion call to action and not partly an apology. He said he did not think much of the Resolution. At this point he read the following from the 'Political Affairs,' issue of September, 1959, entitled 'DRAFT POLITICAL RESOLUTION':

" 'I. INTRODUCTION

" 'The decade ahead can be the decade in which the American people, united in a great national democratic coalition led by labor, can take major strides toward the attainment of a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

" 'This can be the decade in which mankind is liberated from the peril of the cold war and the ever-present threat of catastrophic nuclear warfare.

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" 'The Communist Party faces this new decade with supreme confidence that these goals can be won, and to this end we American Communists pledge ourselves.'

"His comment relative to the above was that this lacked force and that the point of our working for Socialism should have been made part of the Introduction. He continued:

" 'II. AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY: THE NEED OF A POLICY FOR PEACE

" 'The threat of "Soviet aggression" is non-existent. For the Soviet Union and other socialist lands have no capitalist class, and there no one profits from war preparations and aggression. It is the Soviet Union which took the initiative in ending nuclear tests. The Soviet Union and the other socialist countries have pursued a consistent peace policy throughout. Indeed, such recent visitors to the U.S.S.R. as Adlai Stevenson, Averell Harriman and Vice-President Nixon were profoundly impressed by the spirit of peace which permeates that country.

" 'And it is Wall Street which becomes a scene of alarm with every easing of tensions and every "threat" of peace.

" 'The foreign policy of Wall Street and the Administration is not only aggressive, reactionary and warlike. It is also bankrupt and doomed to failure. For the bipartisan cold-war program of Big Business runs counter to the genuine national interests of the American people, who are threatened with annihilation in the event of a new world war. Even now this adventurist imperialist policy is meeting increased opposition among the most varied sectors of our population, including some influential business circles.

" 'In addition, the United States is becoming more isolated within the family of nations. Its relations with its allies are becoming more aggravated. The military alliance which it established at great cost in NATO is being undermined by the increasingly bitter economic conflicts between the United States and its junior partners and between Britain and Germany, as well as by the inability of the authoritarian DeGaulle regime to "solve" the crises which beset France.

" 'Above all, the relationship of forces on a world scale has changed irrevocably in favor of the camp of peace, freedom and social progress. Socialism has emerged as an invincible world system. There has taken place a victorious upsurge of the national liberation movements in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The peace movement in the capitalist world has acquired a new strength. With these developments, imperialism is declining, the imperialist aggressors are being checked and war is no longer inevitable. And with the completion of the historic Soviet Seven-Year Plan and the new leap forward in People's China, there arises the possibility, within the next decade, of cementing peaceful coexistence and eliminating the scourge of world war forever.'

"HOMER, in commenting on the above, said that the hope for peace today was the number one issue and the USSR was the most profound force for peace in the world today. He said that there had been a change in the United States

"policy and we were doing away with the DULLES policy. He said the visit of KHRUSHCHEV was one of the things we Communists fought for.

"He said one of the things the Draft Resolution did not do, and he thought it should do, was to expose the role of the class collaborators in the labor movement, like the CAREYS, REUTHERS and MEANYS. He made mention that LENIN once said that the capitalist class which we should fight was the class closest to the working people, such as the CAREYS, etc. Sometimes we did not do that, and lost sight of this, he said. He said we should examine why CAREY and REUTHER wanted to meet with KHRUSHCHEV. He felt they were meeting with KHRUSHCHEV to further the cold war in the labor movement and would utilize this as propaganda. He said he had come to that conclusion by examining CAREY's past actions and that we should ask ourselves questions like, 'Why should he meet with Khrushchev?' He felt that peace was the number one issue today and that the labor movement was too weak on this. He had to institute something within labor to work for peace. Today he said there were many objective situations which we could work on. He asked, 'Why don't we find out how the Gloucester fishermen feel about dumping atomic waste into the Atlantic?' According to HOMER, the Communist Party should come out openly and actively for a thirty-hour week. This would be a tremendous thing for the Party if we could do it. Objectively, this is a struggle for peace -- this thirty-hour week. Workers are afraid of doing without these war contracts and we should try to get across this thirty-hour week.

"HOMER said the whole heart of the Resolution was Section IV. He felt that there should be more clarity in this section which deals with class collaboration and development of an anti-monopoly coalition.

"HOMER continued by reading the following from the Draft Political Resolution, Section IV, entitled 'DEMOCRATIC UNITY OF THE PEOPLE VS. BIG BUSINESS':

" 'To defeat the reactionary offensive of corporate wealth, to advance the fight for peaceful coexistence, economic security and

" 'civil rights and liberties, it is necessary to achieve the broadest, most resolute unity of action of the working class and its allies.

" 'It is essential to bring into existence an anti-monopoly people's coalition uniting labor, the Negro people, the small farmers, students, professionals, small businessmen and other democratic elements on a program of action for economic welfare, democratic rights and peace.

" 'The component elements of this alliance are manifest in a variety of forms -- in the growing economic and political struggles of labor, in the upsurge of the Negro liberation movement, in the growth of peace sentiment and broadening peace movements, and in other movements and struggles. To be effective in achieving their objectives, as well as in building a popular democratic alliance, it is imperative to unify and reinforce each of these at the grass roots. (It is necessary to draw in all who are prepared to engage in the fight, and to coordinate the separate but related and interacting mass activities in behalf of the people's needs and interests.) It is essential to combat the divisive and corroding red-baiting, class-collaborationist and cold-war policies pursued by the Right-wing labor and social democratic leaders, and by many liberal and Negro people's leaders as well.'

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"HOMER said labor should take a stand to break away from the two-party system, that even today there was a large class of capitalists who would gamble on war with the USSR. This class was very dangerous because they represented, as previously mentioned, the capitalist class closest to the workers. This class, he said, this capitalist class closest to the workers, also dominated the Democratic Party. HOMER then read into his report the following from Section IV of the Draft Political Resolution:

" '1. It is necessary to fight for greater solidarity on the picket line and on the legislative and electoral fronts, for trade union democracy and militant, class-struggle policies, against business unionism and politics-as-usual, and against the employers' divisive weapon of red-baiting.

" '2. It is necessary to create in labor's ranks the understanding that the struggle against monopoly cannot stop at the water's edge. Support of monopoly's cold-war foreign policies cuts the ground from under the struggles against monopoly on the home front, and conversely, labor's full entry into the peace fight would strengthen immensely its battles for economic and social advance.

" '3. It is necessary to generate understanding in the labor movement that the fight for full equality of the Negro people is basic in the fight for human and democratic rights generally, and is essential to labor's fight for economic and social welfare.

" '4. It is necessary to stimulate awareness of the need for the working class to develop its political action organizations (COPE, LLPE, PAC) and its joint activities with its natural allies, the Negro people and the small farmers, to influence the course of current political struggles and, in the process, to create the conditions for building a new mass party led by labor -- a labor-farmer-Negro people's party.

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" 'In this way the immediate needs and interests of the working people can be protected and advanced, and the road opened to the attainment of a new political alignment and a people's government resting on the strong foundation of a democratic anti-monopoly front, led by the working class.'

"HOMER said it was necessary to point out to people in the Democratic Party that even though the Democrats presented a good labor program, it did not necessarily follow that they implemented the program. He said we should make labor take more of a stand politically, not necessarily create a third party, but rather stand behind the right man for office. He said we had to develop things so that eventually labor would break apart from the two-party system and have a real farmer-labor party or other party that would confine itself more to the wants and needs of the working class. He said it would be necessary for people like ELSIE who are active in

"political parties to point out things they think are wrong and eventually break up the Democratic or Republican Party. He felt that the Republican Party today was working for peace much more extensively than the Democratic Party and that in certain sections we could back the Republicans. He said there was no real strong line to follow but that we would have to go about the thing in line with the particular situation existing. He said by keeping within these already existing parties, by keeping up our contacts with the working class element, we could initiate a base eventually for a Farmer-Labor Party.

"He read into his report at this time the following from Section V of the Draft Political Resolution entitled 'THE 1960 ELECTIONS':

" 'Will they be able to accomplish these tasks even though there is no breakaway from the two-party system of Big Business?

" 'Will they be able to strengthen their own political organization and independence?'

"HOMER stated that you ran into one thing that was contradictory of another and his feeling on the Draft Resolution was that our position should be clarified. He then read into his report the following to support his comments on elections:

" 'The Republican Party of Rockefeller, Nixon, and the Chicago Tribune, which remains the favored party of the dominant circles of finance capital, has considerable electoral strength and unlimited funds. It is trying to don a liberal face and appear demagogically as the party of "peace and prosperity."

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" 'The Democratic Party, which has a mass base especially in the industrial areas, continues to be dominated nationally by Big Business interests. While advocating increased expenditures for social welfare, the Democratic high command and its congressional majority, supported by labor's top officialdom, champion the bi-partisan cold-war program and act to expand military appropriations.

" 'Indeed, they offer as a major indictment of the Eisenhower Administration the charge that it does not spend enough for "defense."

" 'The Democratic Party still embraces within its ranks the Eastlands and Faubuses, as well as the Powells and Reuthers. And most of the Democratic presidential aspirants as well as many of its pro-labor and liberal congressmen, are inclined to join hands with the "moderates" and effect a compromise with the Dixiecrats in the 1960 Democratic Party national convention and campaign.

" 'The conflict is sharpening between the advocates of Dixiecratism and the supporters of the Constitution, between "states rights" and civil rights, and between anti-labor and pro-labor legislation. This conflict is stimulating new political trends and regrouping of forces within the Democratic Party and among its supporters, in opposition to reaction and bossism. It is encouraging the development of non-partisan, independent political activity and organization among important sections of labor, liberals, and the Negro people who, in their great majority, still operate on the electorate arena primarily through the established machinery of the two old parties.'

"Around Section V he stressed that it would be necessary for us to enlarge our personal contacts with individuals among the labor movement.

"Around the elections, he said we should be developing a campaign for peace within labor and a campaign for trade with China and the USSR.

"He commented on Section VI of the Draft Political Resolution entitled 'THE COMMUNIST PARTY.' He felt there should have been more stress on the Party's activity and tactics in exposing the role of the Democratic Party. This he said is something that the Draft Resolution did not take in. He also made a comment that there was going to be a separate section, another statement, that should have been made part of this Draft Resolution, a sort of self-critical section on the Party's work. This is to be published apart from the Draft Resolution, and is another reason he voted against the Resolution.

"PHIL KORITZ spoke. He said that we should differentiate between attacking and exposing. He also said we should be working toward a coalition between the negro and labor-farmer, and that there was a situation today where the division between the working class and monopoly interests was more acute. He thought that although good, the Draft Resolution was still rather fuzzy and subject to various interpretations.

"ANNE TIMPSON thought it was good, although like HOMER she thought there was no real rallying call. She said it was not sufficiently thorough and that there should have been more stress put on examining ways of reaching the people.

"ELSIE PIPER commented that she was in agreement with the thirty-hour work week and that in presenting this to workers we should emphasize the opportunities such a reduced work schedule would present. She said we sort of missed the boat sometimes in trying to reach the working class element, that they were not always ready to accept our program. She said we had to utilize a different approach to these people and identify ourselves with their aims. We needed to counteract some of the propaganda working people have come to accept and until we did that we would be unable to move the working class.

"MOSE said he was in a union and that when you approached people in his area of Barre, Vermont, you did not tell them to fight for this or that. Rather, he said, you had to point out the advantage to them of the happening of certain things. He said you had to be careful not to use the wrong terms in speaking to these people.

"MOSE said he had read the Draft Resolution but doubted it was the type of document he could hand to half a dozen guys in his labor union. He felt a Draft Resolution should mobilize us more, that it should have more real basis. He did not think it had or did that, and he would not hand it to any of the labor people he knew.

"MOSE's wife said that in spite of the concessions the Democratic Party had made to the working class and those the Republicans were now making, we did not want to be led into a trap because either Party could do a right-about face. This comment by VIRGINIA was her only participation in the meeting and was in response to that part of HOMER's

"speech which stressed that although we were all out for the Democratic Party there was a much greater force for peace within the Republican Party, which, under EISENHOWER, had instituted cultural exchanges with Russia.

"OTIS HOOD commented that today there existed some very objective situations. Today you had Great Britain trading with Red China and Russia, and that today there was a struggle in this country between finance and merchant capitalists. He said finance capitalists wanted to continue the imperialist tactic of investing money in satellite countries in order to siphon off all the profits and that the merchant capitalist wanted trade with these countries and Russia. You therefore had two capitalist elements in the United States at opposite poles. He felt that the Draft Resolution did not sharpen these differences enough. He mentioned the wonderful things that Russia has done and said the United States will have to trade with her at a lower profit basis than ever before.

"ELSIE PIPER made the comment that sometimes it appeared from the tactics we used that we lacked confidence in our leadership. She thought that the program as set up by the Draft Resolution was one we could work on but not one that instilled you with any great confidence in our national leadership.

"HAROLD LEWENGRUB commented that we lacked confidence in our leadership and took ANNE TIMPSON for an example. He said that she belonged to his group and at one time had stated we made a great many mistakes and did not always have the answers. He said this kind of talk did not instill the membership with confidence. ANNE said she never had spoken out against the Soviet Union and that she was very much in harmony in working for the issue of peace. She said, 'Let's face it, we have made a great many mistakes in dealing with other people, and we don't have all the answers.' She said, 'Let's be humble and let's be honest.' She said she did not see why HAROLD brought this up, and that she was unable to recall the incident he was referring to.

"The Constitutional referendum to change the method by which National Committee members were to be elected was brought up by HOMER.

"Copies of a letter from PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary, relative to the referendum and the referendum itself, were passed out at the District Committee meeting, and are set out below:

" 'August 7, 1959

" 'TO ALL CLUBS

" 'Dear Comrades:

" 'The National Committee at its meeting of July 25-26 decided to take a referendum on Article V, Section 5 of the Constitution which deals with the election to the National Committee. In its opinion this is necessary in view of the fact that the present clause in the Constitution does not reflect the best method in electing the National Committee. In deleting this section of the Constitution, such changes, modifications or other methods of election will be adopted or considered in pre-convention discussion and decided by the National Convention. The Convention may:

" '1. Change this article of the Constitution or reintroduce it as is. Furthermore it is proposed that in the pre-convention period all sections of the Constitution shall be discussed and recommendations made to the Constitution Committee for changes in the Constitution.

" 'This referendum is taken in accordance with Article IX, Section 1 of the present Constitution, which reads:

" ' "This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of any regular or special national convention, or by referendum initiated by the National Committee or one-third of the state or district organizations. State and District organizations or their sub-divisions may adopt by-laws provided they are in accord with the National Constitution."

" 'Comradely yours,

" 'Phil Bart

" 'National Organizational Sec'y'

" R E F E R E N D U M

" 'WHEREAS Article 5, Section 5 of the Constitution states:

" ' "The National Committee shall be elected in the following manner: Each State and District organization shall hold its convention in advance of the National Convention and shall elect members of the National Committee in a number determined in accordance with a scale of representation determined by the previous National Convention. The names of all members of the National Committee so elected shall be submitted for approval to the National Convention which follows their election. In addition to the members of the National Committee so elected, the National Convention shall elect members of the National Committee-at-large in a number determined by it, but not to exceed one third of the total membership of the National Committee. All elections to the National Committee shall be by secret ballot and majority vote.

" ' "The scale of representation shall be determined by the previous national convention."

" 'and

" 'WHEREAS the Party organization will consider amendments to the Constitution at its 17th Convention,

" 'THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 5 of Article V of the Constitution specifying the method for electing the National Committee be deleted and that a substitute therefor be adopted by the next National Convention.

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<u>District</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Club</u>
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" 'No. of members who voted for _____

" 'No. of members who voted against _____

" 'No. of members who abstained _____

"Because of a feeling that any change might result in almost no area representation on the National Committee, because of a lack of any explanation of why they were doing it or why they felt it necessary, and because of a feeling that this might be getting back to the old bureaucratic form that previously existed the District Committee voted 'No' on the referendum. This was a unanimous vote with the exception of HAROLD LEWENGRUB, who abstained. District Committee members are to present this to their clubs, explain why we voted 'No,' and then let them vote.

"The only explanation ANNE or HOMER could give was that they understood the change was being asked in order to decrease the size of the National Committee, the feeling being that with a smaller National Committee more work might be accomplished.

"HOMER reported that there was to be an Eastern Seaboard Conference the week end of September 26-27, 1959, at New York. Both HOMER and ANNE presented this information about the Eastern Seaboard Conference in a very negative manner so that no one responded to it. They said they did not see what good was going to come out of it, that it would be a waste of time. They felt more good could be accomplished by having New York people come up and speak to us. HOMER said the Conference was being held for the purpose of discussing the ideological struggle within the Party and also ways and means of consolidating and building the Party.

"BOB GOODWIN said the National Committee had asked for five representatives at this Conference. He thought we should send one representative. HOMER said if just one was going he did not want to be it. He said he did not want to be away week ends as his wife was expecting and did not want to leave her. ELSIE PIPER proposed that three people go to the Conference, and she questioned ANNE about her feeling that it would not be worthwhile. It was agreed to send ERNIE AUDET, HOMER CHASE and LEWIS JOHNSON, if he could go.

"ANNE reported on the Fund Drive. She said we were supposed to have collected \$5,000 by July 1st. We have collected \$4,314 to date and it is far from our goal. She also reported that the Party spent \$500 for a car for

"HOMER CHASE and \$50 for his insurance. She said they had a different arrangement in paying HOMER. They had been paying him \$80 plus twenty dollars for expenses and were now going to pay him \$80 plus \$5 for incidental expenses. They were, however, going to take care of his other expenses. They had a garage for HOMER to get his gas. She said all that had come in [redacted] [redacted] was what had come in before. She thought his health had something to do with it and thought HOMER should go out to see him.

"Someone asked what was the matter with [redacted] and OTIS said he had diabetes. PHIL said if someone would let him know anyone to see, he would take a ride out some Sunday with his family to see him.

"ANNE gave the following rundown on funds: \$535 from the North Shore to date; Vermont had pledged \$100 and had turned in \$50; New Hampshire had pledged \$100 and had turned in \$105; Boston had turned in something more than \$3,000; the South Shore still was behind in their pledge; Rhode Island was still behind in their pledge. Vermont made the comment that they had turned in \$10 at the GEORGE MORRIS affair and wanted it credited to the Fund Drive because it had come in for the Fund Drive. ANNE said Rhode Island had sent money directly to 'The Worker' and she had no record of it. She told [redacted] he should turn it in to her and his area could get credit for it.

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"It was voted to accept the report unanimously. ANNE reported that one of the ways money came in was through dues and there were a great many areas where dues have not been collected. Also, as a National Convention assessment we had to ask our club for two months' dues. ANNE said further that she wanted to send the rest of the \$1,500 to 'The Worker' we had pledged, and that to date she had not sent any money to the National Committee. She said she had about \$700 on hand and that HAROLD LEWENGRUB had an account with \$600 in it. She would like to finish paying the \$1,500 pledge to 'The Worker.' She was told to finish paying it.

"PHIL KORITZ said he also would like to make a motion to send \$100 at this time to the National Committee toward the pledge we had made, and everybody agreed.

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"PHIL mad a motion to invite GUS HALL or someone like him to our next meeting and it was passed unanimously.

"HOMER made a motion which passed that we get out a Newsletter on the KHRUSHCHEV and EISENHOWER exchange visits, and that we get this out while KHRUSHCHEV is here. It is to go to labor leaders, Party members, etc.

"HOMER also asked that we go back to our clubs and encourage response and written comments on the Draft Resolution. A motion was made that the District Committee or someone on the District Committee write to 'The Worker' and see if they would include an insert for discussion by members on the Draft Resolution. It was voted unanimously to approach 'The Worker' on the insert. This would be similar to 'Speak Your Own Peace' used formerly.

"A resolution was made that the Administrative Committee consider the question of a time for a State Convention and report to the next District Committee and this was passed unanimously.

"JOE COSTA, a member of the Teamsters, thought he could perhaps get some sort of activity going in regard to peace, especially in regard to the KHRUSHCHEV and EISENHOWER exchange visits and he was going to attempt this in his union.

"It was decided to hold our next District Committee meeting at the home of BOB GOODWIN on October 18, 1959.

"ANNE had a letter from EULA FIGUEIREDO. EULA said she did not hear very often from anyone in New Bedford.

"ANNE reported that BOB THOMPSON was in jail.

"HOMER made the comment that he had been talking to someone who had been in the Netherlands and that even in Holland the Party membership had dropped off and they were having difficulties in Holland, although they still had more members than we had. In the conversation he had been told they had some publications in Dutch which told that people in West Germany were crying out against nuclear warfare. He said that the United States was withholding information from its citizens about these things.

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"ELSIE PIPER purchased from OTIS HOOD for twenty-five cents the publication, 'CONTROL FIGURES FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE USSR FOR 59-65,' published by the Foreign Languages Publishing House, Moscow, 1959. It consisted of KHRUSHCHOV's Report delivered at the 21st Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, January 27, 1959.

"ELSIE PIPER also asked OTIS HOOD for her copy of 'Science and Society.' He said they were in, but he had not received a bill for them as yet.

"HOMER said he had a communication asking us to do something celebrating the Fortieth Anniversary of the Party. He didn't think we should do too much. He thought we could do about the same thing we had done relative to the GEORGE MORRIS meeting, that is, hold a meeting under the auspices of the Boston Labor Forum and possibly have GUS HALL or someone else from New York speak."

All necessary action has been taken with respect to the information furnished above.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-31723)
FROM : SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD
SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 10/14/59

On 9/28/59, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD of the following. This information was dictated on 9/29/59 into statement form, typed by Stenographer [redacted] on 9/30/59, and was then read and initialed by the Informant on 10/6/59. It is maintained in [redacted]

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- 11 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)

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- 1 - 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS)
- 1 - 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
- 1 - 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON)
- 1 - 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON)
- 1 - 100-[redacted] (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)
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September 28, 1959

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"On [REDACTED] at 6:20 p.m., [REDACTED] drove his automobile from [REDACTED] for the conference celebrating the [REDACTED] of the CPUSA. Accompanying [REDACTED] in his car were: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] drove his automobile. He was [REDACTED] from the vicinity of Broad and Lindley Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

"Upon arriving in New York City at 8:30 p.m., they proceeded to Carnegie Hall in the vicinity of Fifth and Broadway, to a huge rally which was currently in progress, which ended at approximately 11:30 p.m. There were in attendance at this rally approximately 2,800 persons and it was announced in the press that \$3,000 had been collected; however, it was the consensus of opinion that much more money had been collected inasmuch as 18 different groups had donated sums of money from \$400 to \$1,100.

"Admission to this hall was one dollar. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN acted as Master of Ceremonies and related the history of the CP during the past 40 years. She stated that the Party has come a long way, has had many setbacks, but continues to march forward. She stated that she wanted everyone to stop having any fear of being a member of the CP or working on behalf of socialism. She stated that socialism was the coming thing.

"EUGENE DENNIS, Secretary of the CPUSA, gave a brief speech. He also described the growth of the CP but urged for more organization, particularly among the factory workers. He stated the people should have a knowledge of the struggle between capitalism and the labor movement. He stated that GEORGE MEANY should be put out of the union because of the way he treated Premier KHRUSHCHEV and A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. He stated that the minimum wage of one dollar per hour is no good for the worker today because of the high cost of living. He further advised that capitalism continues to keep the worker in one place.

"The Philadelphia group did not care particularly for DENNIS' speech because he did not bring forth the Negro question or white chauvinism within the ranks of the CP.

"ARNOLD JOHNSON, white male, 55 years of age, 5'9" tall, 170 pounds, white hair, wearing glasses, from New York City, stated to the audience that he was not scheduled on the program to appear as a speaker but got the urge to give a talk. He described his feelings with the tremendous turnout for the evening's rally. JOHNSON stated he felt that it was now time to take a position for better housing and better living conditions for the Negroes and the Puerto Ricans in America today. He stated that these minority groups fight among themselves in that they have nothing to look forward to because they feel the white man is capitalism.

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"(First name unknown) ALEXANDER, from Los Angeles, Calif., Negro male, age 22, 6' tall, approximately 160 pounds, advised the audience that he had recently returned from a tour of Russia. ALEXANDER described his trip to Russia and the wonderful treatment he received from the youth in Russia. He stated that all youths should take a trip to Russia for \$1,000 to see socialism in action in Russia today. He stated that all education for the youths in Russia is free and that the school system in Russia is much better than that in America. He stated that living conditions in Russia are the same as in America; however, in Russia everyone is happy and is not worried of where and how they will make a dollar to meet expenses.

"At this point approximately 50 or 60 youths sang Russian folk songs. They then presented ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN a basket of roses.

"BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR., Chairman, New York CP, then spoke on school integration in New York City. He stated that the Northern people are very critical concerning the question of integrating schools in the South. He stated that in New York the segregation problem in schools is as bad as it is in the South. DAVIS then related an incident in a town in Long Island, N. Y., where white parents boycotted a school that had enrolled Negroes and Puerto Ricans; however, the school board forced these parents to send their children to this public school.

"DAVIS then stated they have jailed him for fighting for the struggle of the minority people in the United States and he related that he will continue this fight. He stated that the Party should organize, should work in the open, and be no longer secret in that the CP is on the move forward as shown by the recent visit of Premier KHRUSHCHEV to this country.

"Then came the raising of funds. The Manhattan group gave \$1,100; Bronx group \$1,000; Brooklyn \$900; and Philadelphia group \$30.00. All those from the Philadelphia group donated \$5.00 a piece.

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"Following this meeting, the number of youth who came to New York from Philadelphia returned home with the exception of NORMA (last name unknown) and [redacted] (last name unknown). FRANCES GABOW and NOLA WHARTON occupied a room in the Chelsea Hotel, Fifth and 103rd Street, New York City. TOM NABRIED, SARGE DAVIS and STERLING ROCHESTER occupied a room on the first floor of the hotel.

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"On [redacted] a meeting of the [redacted] [redacted] was held on the 11th floor of a building located at 74-123rd Street, New York City. This meeting was for [redacted] from different clubs in the [redacted] area, namely, Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania. The first conference started at 10:30 a.m. and ended at 1:00 p.m. and was attended by 38 persons. Those in attendance from Philadelphia were BILL CRAWFORD, who arrived in New York on September 26, 1959; FRANCES GABOW, SARGE DAVIS, TOM NABRIED, JAMES DOLSEN, STERLING ROCHESTER, NOLA WHARTON, DANNY RUBIN, NORMA (last name unknown) and [redacted] (last name unknown), one BOB LEE from Baltimore, Md.

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"TOM NABRIED was elected chairman to serve at this conference.

[redacted] (phonetic), formerly of Philadelphia, now residing in New York, gave a talk on organizational work in the CP clubs and urged that new members should be obtained and one of the best ways to get a new member was to attempt to recruit former Party members who have left the Party.

"Also present at this meeting was JAMES JACKSON who spoke on the importance of the work by the youth and for the youth in the CP movement. Following his talk he had a long private discussion with [redacted] (last name unknown) and NORMA (last name unknown).

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"Next speaker was a [redacted] from New York who urged he wanted all former CP members who have left the Party to be recruited back into the CP. He stated that the Party suffered setbacks from the years 1952 to 1957 by going underground and, as a result of this, people fell away from the Party. He stated that people in the trade union field must work in secrecy in that if they were ever identified as CP members or working on behalf of the CP cause, they would probably lose their jobs and this would also result in a loss of their effectiveness.

"From 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. the topic of discussion dealt mainly with organizational work on a local and state level.

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"This meeting started at approximately 10:00 a.m. and ended at 1:30 p.m. The same group of people were present at this affair as mentioned above; however, at this conference held on [redacted] 30 people were present. BILL CRAWFORD, from Philadelphia, spoke on the school system in Philadelphia claiming that preference is given to white children over colored children and that as a result of this, segregation is taking place within the school system of Philadelphia.

"This conference also dealt with organization on a local and state level.

"WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Press Organizer, advised the group that the press result in Philadelphia is the lowest of any group in the country and that they have practically no circulation in regard to 'The Worker.' He stated that the club that is doing very well on behalf of 'The Worker' in Philadelphia is that of THOMAS NABRIED's section. He stated that the press is a very important thing in the organizing field on behalf of Communism.

"PATTERSON then related an incident where he had received a mysterious phone call on three different occasions one week prior to this conference where he had met a white woman from the South who gave him a total of

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"\$1,800, whom he met in different hotels in the city of New York. This woman claimed that 'The Worker' is doing an outstanding job. He stated that the woman advised him that she owned a considerable amount of property in the South and that she was going home to sell it all and coming back to New York to get on the bandwagon.

"The Philadelphia group returned home at approximately 5:00 p.m. NOLA WHARTON drove back with DANNY RUBIN and BILL CRAWFORD from the West Philadelphia Section."

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Agent's Comments:

[redacted] referred to in above Informant's statement has been identified as [redacted] NORMA referred to in above Informant's statement has been identified as NORMA LIBSON.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603) (416)

DATE: 10/15/59

FROM: SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH (422)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NYD
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- 1 - New York [redacted] (INV.) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-82905) (WILL. BROMS) (422)
- 1 - New York [redacted]
- 1 - New York [redacted]
- 1 - New York [redacted]
- 1 - New York [redacted]
- 1 - New York [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-120546) (STAN GOODMAN) (422)
- 1 - New York [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-132481) (JACOB ROSEN)
- 1 - New York (105-24891) (JACOB ROSEN) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-135736) (MARVIN MARKMAN) (421)
- 1 - New York (105-135557) (BILL TURNER) (422)
- 1 - New York [redacted]
- 1 - New York [redacted]
- 1 - New York [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-15946) (JAMES TORMEY) (422)
- 1 - New York [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-135084) (AGNES WILLIS) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-129629) (BILL ALBERTSON) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-117158) (DANNY RUBEL) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-48033) (IRVING POTASH) (422)
- 1 - New York [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-82958) (IRVING TAFFLER) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-26603) (416)

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Identity of Source	[redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past (conceal)
Description of info	40th Anniversary Celebration, CP, USA b7D
Date Received	9/26/59
Received By	SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH (orally)
Original located	[redacted]

The following info was furnished by [redacted] on
9/26/59 and authenticated by [redacted] on 10/2/59.

A copy of informant's report follows:

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9/26/59

On 9/25/59 the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Communist Party was held at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

There were approximately 1200/1500 persons present at the hall during the course of the meeting.

The speakers were EUGENE DENNIS, BEN DAVIS, a Negro youth and others.

[redacted]
and was aided by a [redacted] consisting of young people among whom were [redacted]

The speeches consisted mostly of the usual tripe about the great role the Party had played in the history of the United States, how much good it was doing and had done and how much more was going to be done. b6 b7C b7D

The following were present among the crowd: [redacted]
[redacted] STAN GOODMAN, [redacted] JAKE ROSEN,
MARVIN MARKMAN, BILL TURNER, [redacted]
[redacted] JIM TORMEY, [redacted] AGNES WILLIS, BILL
ALBERTSON, DANNY RUBEL, CONNIE and PHIL BART, IRVING POTASH,
[redacted] IRVING TAFFLER. ✓

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, BALTIMORE (100-) DATE: 10/15/59
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)
SUBJECT: CP, USA
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- 1 - Baltimore (100-) (BOB or BOB LEE) (RM)
- 4 - Newark (RM)
 - (1 - 100-) (DAVE) (LNU) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-) (LOTTIE GORDON) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-) (PAT) (LNU) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-) (LOU MAROZE) (RM)
- 5 - Philadelphia (RM)
 - (1 - 100-) (BECKY) (LNU) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-) (DANNY) (LNU) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-) (FRANCES) (LNU) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-) (BILL) (LNU) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-) (TOM) (LNU) (RM)
- 1 - New York [redacted] (INV.) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-135084) (AGNES WILLIS) (422)
- 1 - New York [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (322)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-15946) (JAMES TORMEY) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-16785) (JAMES E. JACKSON, JR.) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-84275) (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON) (415)
- 1 - New York [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-) [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-54555) (EVELYN WIENER) (425)
- 1 - New York (100-) (RUTH SCHULMAN)
- 1 - New York (100-) (MIMI) (LNU) (421)
- 1 - New York (100-67670) (IDA POSNER) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-21421) (ALEXANDER TRACTENBURG) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-4931) (415)

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The following info was furnished by [redacted]
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A copy of informant's report follows:

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9/27/59

On [redacted] there was a meeting of [redacted]
[redacted] of the Communist Party from the [redacted]
[redacted] at Adelphi Hall in New York City.

The following were present:

From Philadelphia: (total 11)

BECKY from Youth, a white female
DANNY from Youth, a white male
FRANCES from Eastern Pennsylvania, a white female
BILL from West Philadelphia, a white male
TOM, a negro male

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From Baltimore: (total 1)

BOB or possibly BOB LEE, a white male

From New Jersey: (Total 4)

DAVE from Newark, a White Male (Attended Sunday only)
LOTTIE GORDON (attended Saturday only)
PAT, a white male (attended Saturday only)
LOU MOROZE (attended Saturday only)

From New York:

AGNES WILLIS, [redacted] CONNIE BART, PHIL BART,
JAMES TORMEY, BETTY GANNETT, JAMES E. JACKSON, JR., WILLIAM
L. PATTERSON, [redacted] EVELYN WIENER, RUTH
SHULMAN, MIMI (last name unknown) who is the Bronx County
Organizer, IDA POSNER, JACK STACHEL and ALEXANDER TRACTENBURG.

Philadelphia was the only delegation who had a representation from Youth. They spoke of difficulty in getting people into the Party Youth Movement and suggested that the Steel Strike was the big problem for them as well as the problems connected with school integration. They spoke of a lack of Negro representation within the Party ranks. The Philadelphia

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delegation also spoke of the housing problems and of police brutality as being problems to work on.

The representative from Baltimore spoke about the effects of the steel strike and related it to Party activity.

New Jersey and New York delegations spoke of housing and integration problems and a lack of good Party members. EVELYN WIENER stated that she felt that she would have to spend about 25% of her time in the future with non-Party people in an effort to get more recruits.

This conference was limited to a presentation of problems. No resolutions were adopted or even offered and no conclusive action was taken in any field.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)(415)
SUBJECT: CP, USA, ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 10/16/59

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
- 2 - Baltimore (100-12464) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-) (BOB LEE)
- 2 - Chicago (100-33741) (RM)
 - (1 - 61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
- 2 - Cleveland (100-17257) (Info) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-) (GUS HALL)
- 6 - Newark (100-4284) (Info) (RM)
 - (1 - [redacted])
 - (1 - 100- [redacted]) (LOTTIE GORDON)
 - (1 - 100- [redacted])
 - (1 - 100- [redacted]) (LOU MOROZE)
 - (1 - 100-19491) (PAT TOOHEY)
- 2 - New Haven (100-) (CP, USA, Organization) (Info) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-1873) (SID TAYLOR)
- 8 - Philadelphia (100- [redacted]) (Info) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-) (STERLING ROCHESTER)
 - (1 - 100-) ([redacted])
 - (1 - 100-) (BILL CRAWFORD)
 - (1 - 100-) ([redacted]) W, M, 33 to 35, blond, curly hair, 5'7", 170 lbs., glasses, at [redacted]
 - (1 - 100-) ([redacted]) W, F, 40 to 45, brown greying hair, chunky build, at last National Convention, [redacted]
 - (1 - 100-) ([redacted])
 - (1 - 65-1686) (TOM NABRIED)
- 1 - NY [redacted] (Inv) (41)
- 1 - NY 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-21421 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (422)
- 1 - NY 100-54555 (EVELYN WIENER) (424)
- 1 - NY 100-67670 (IDA POSNER) (416)

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Received by SAS JOHN A. HAAG, NYO and VINCENT E. MURPHY, Newark (oral)

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following info in order to protect the identity of source.

Information received from informant, as set forth above, was dictated by SA HAAG to [redacted] on 10/1/59, transcribed on 10/5/59, and authenticated by informant on 10/7/59.

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A copy of informant's oral report follows:

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1 - NY 100-13447 (SAM NESIN) (416)
1 - NY 100- [redacted] from Brooklyn, at [redacted]
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1 - NY 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
1 - NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT) (415)
1 - NY 100-15946 (JAMES TORMEY) (415)
1 - NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (415)
1 - NY 100-113830 (MARVIN STERN) (415)
1 - NY 100-67234 (RUTH SHULMAN) (425)
1 - NY 100- (MINNIE (LNU), W, F, 38, 5'5", 125, thick, black hair, greying, sharp nose, attractive, at [redacted]
[redacted]

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- 1 - NY 100- [redacted] (LNU), W, F, 20 years, black hair,
5'6", slender. from a youth club. at
[redacted]
- 1 - NY 100- (UNSUB, W, F, 20, brown hair, 5'6", slender,
wears glasses. from a youth club. at
[redacted]
- 1 - NY 100- (UNSUB. N. F. late 50's. 5'5". 150 lbs.
at [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-80640 (CP, USA, Negro Question) (415)
1 - NY 100-84994 (GUS HALL) (415)
1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)

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On [redacted] (CP, USA)
was held at 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Those present were;

JAMES JACKSON	[redacted]
JACK STACHEL	ARNOLD JOHNSON
ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG	BETTY GANNETT
PHIL BART	JIM TORMEY
EVELYN WIENER	WILLIAM PATTERSON
IDA (POSNER) from Industrial	
SAM NESIN	MARVIN STERN
ALONZO from Brooklyn	RUTH SHULMAN
BOB LEE	SID TAYLOR
STERLING ROCHESTER	TOM NABRIED

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[redacted]	[redacted]
BILL CRAWFORD	[redacted]
LOTTIE GORDON	LOU MOROZE
[redacted]	PAT TOOHEY

DANNY, white, male, 33 to 35, blond, curly hair,
5'7", 170 lbs., glasses

FRANCES, white, female, 40 to 45, brown greying hair,
chunky build, from Philadelphia, was at last
National Convention

MINNIE, white, female, 38, 5'5", 125, thick, black
hair, greying, sharp nose, attractive

[redacted] white, female, 20 years, black hair, 5'6",
slender, from a youth club

White, female, 20, brown hair, 5'6", slender,
wears glasses, from a youth club

Negro, female, late 50's, 5'5", 150 lbs.

PAT TOOHEY was elected Chairman of the first day's
session of the meeting. PHIL BART then gave a report which

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was a general review of the obstacles which stand in the way of CP growth, such as questions of fear, results of past factional fights, which still persist, broken organization and the maze of laws such as the McCarran Act and the new labor act.

In posing all these impediments, BART gave no answer as to what to do about this in a concrete or realistic fashion. The theme of his remarks was that he was indicating the problems but confessing that he did not have answers to all of them, and later he was attacked by LOTTIE GORDON for this approach. She said she expected the leadership to lead and not expect those at the meeting to give answers.

BART followed closely the section of the main political resolution dealing with CP structural and organizational problems and like the resolution, he had no answers. The feeling was that he was just cataloguing the troubles without a solution - except to call for effort and unity. He furnished no answers on how the Party should work in labor unions, how it should build its clubs, etc. BART said, "We are here to discuss what forms and methods of organization we should pursue in the light of today's big events and possibilities. How can we carry out our vanguard role? How can we create conditions making possible the return of many hundreds to the CP?" He did not answer these questions.

BART then went into a discussion of the main political resolution paraphrasing it and since this resolution is vague and general, BART also was vague and general thus establishing the meeting as a vague and general discussion.

BART's report was severely criticized from the floor. IDA said that they came to the meeting to probe into the small questions, the plain and simple organizational problems that impede the CP. Instead they found themselves engaged in a general political discussion on the effects of the labor laws, the effects of revisionism in the CP, the possible follow-up of the KHRUSHCHEV visit and the change in the atmosphere of the country.

The discussion by each and all present was general, vague and arid. It was collective denouncing that the Party

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has all kinds of problems, but the National Office does not give bold leadership in solving them. [REDACTED] PATTERSON spoke on the Negro Question, but in no way differentiated from the past.

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JACKSON's speech was designed to establish the independent and vanguard role of Communism - that there is such a thing, that the CP is needed - but examples he used were very general and vague.

Many of the speakers, including NESIN, [REDACTED] MOROZE and GORDON tried to discuss the question - what is the role of the CP in terms of daily work and of members who belong to other organizations and how they should function there. The only point they all made was that the possibilities of the CP making advances are great and that every club or group which has applied itself has succeeded to a satisfactory degree. So many are overwhelmed by the complexity of things, demands for more than they are able to do, so that they do not know where to stand and usually wind up frustrated.

This meeting had little impact or significance. The vagueness which permeated the atmosphere is a mirror of the CP today. No speaker could do otherwise than speak generally since the CP today is not doing anything specific.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6 p.m. and was to reconvene on the following day.

✓ Later BART stated that there was a similar conference being held in Chicago for the Middle West. This was being handled by GUS HALL and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and that possibly GENE DENNIS would attend. It is expected that a similar conference will be held on the West Coast. BART stated that the results of these three conferences will be put together and a resolution on organizational matters will be prepared for the convention.

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Informant advised he did not attend the second session of this conference [redacted] because of the lack of accomplishments on the part of the assemblage and because any extraordinary interest displayed in this meeting by him could be regarded suspiciously.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-31723)
FROM : SA THOMAS F. LEWIS
SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 10/16/59

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally provided SA THOMAS F. LEWIS with a written statement. This statement is located in [redacted]

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- 2 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
 - 1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
 - 1 - 100-23825 (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)

- 23 - Philadelphia
 - 1 - 100-31723
 - 1 - 100-22157 (PHIL BART)
 - 1 - 100-2490 (TIM BUCK)
 - 1 - 100-34061 (WILLIAM CRAWFORD)
 - 1 - 100-37636 (BENJAMIN DAVIS)
 - 1 - [redacted]
 - 1 - 100-22603 (JAMES DOLSEN)
 - 1 - 100-28841 (FRANCES GABOW)
 - 1 - [redacted]
 - 1 - 65-1686 (THOMAS NABRIED)
 - 1 - 65-4641 (DANIEL RUBIN)
 - 1 - 100-24839 (ROBERT RYAN)
 - 1 - [redacted]
 - 1 - 100-18775 (MATTHEW SNYDER)
 - 1 - 100-30295 (CPUSA - FUNDS)
 - 1 - 100-33144 (CPUSA - YOUTH MATTERS)
 - 1 - 100-1502-5969 (INDUSTRIAL SECTION, CPUSA)
 - 1 - 100-1502-710 (5TH CD, CPUSA)
 - 1 - 100-1502-2000 (6TH CD, CPUSA)
 - 1 - 100-33505 (CPUSA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
 - 1 - 100-33143 (CPUSA - NEGRO QUESTION)
 - 1 - 158-1 (LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT)
 - 1 - [redacted]

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"Sept. 18, 1959.

"On [redacted] at 8:30 P.M. a meeting of the [redacted] of the CPUSA was held at [redacted] [redacted] Phila., Pa. Those present were:

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[redacted] wife was at home but did not participate in the meeting. She spent her time in the kitchen reading and sewing.

"The first order of business was the arrangements for the 40th anniversary celebration of the party. [redacted] said the date of the affair had been changed from Oct. [redacted] The place selected was the Essex Hotel, 13th and Filbert St, Phila, Pa. He said the speaker so far would be BEN DAVIS. He said he had received verbal but not written confirmation on this. The singer will be [redacted] also said a special treat would be in store for the comrades. He said tape recordings of Cuban speaker JUAN MARINELLO and TIM BUCK would be played for the edification of those present. He said because of immigration they could not be there in person. He suggested that those coming bring a gift of money for the party. He suggested issuing envelopes for this purpose. He also suggested that friends of the party come. The admission price was to be \$1.00 for employed and 50 cents for unemployed.

"After a short discussion these arrangements were approved by the D.C. [redacted] then asked each one present how many they could get out for the affair. The box score is as follows:

[redacted] promised about 20 from the youth.
[redacted] promised 15 of which 5 or 6 would be friends of the party.

[redacted] said he thought he could get 10.
[redacted] said he might get 9.
[redacted] promised 3 people.
[redacted] promised 20 - 25 out.
[redacted] said he might have 4.
[redacted] H. was not sure and guessed at 2.

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"There was no report from Industrial, 5th and 6th C.D. To publicize it further it was decided to call a meeting of [redacted] on Wednesday eve., [redacted] to fill in [redacted]

"The meeting then turned to the draft of the main political resolution for the district which had been prepared [redacted] He said it followed the line of the main political resolution in the Sept. P.A. [redacted] his was 18 pages of double spaced type and he prepared to read it. [redacted] and said he did not see why he should have to sit there while it was read when copies could have been made available to the members of the D.C. earlier and it could have been discussed. [redacted] there was no time to make copies for study but promised them later. [redacted] drawing no support from the others, dropped the point. [redacted] then in a monotone read the resolution he had prepared. It dealt in the main with youth questions, peace, trade union work and the negro liberation movement and was amply seasoned with statistics applicable to Penna. In a short speech after the reading of the document [redacted] emphasized the need to coordinate mass work with the Marxist-Leninist line. The comments on the document by those present were:

[redacted] felt more Penna. information should be added to the document.

[redacted] with the tax approach in the document and characterized it as provincial.

[redacted] that reference to the law to ban holding two jobs was bad. He said the effort should be to raise the minimum wage. He said there should be more emphasis on the youth and recommended that the material be gotten out.

[redacted] the perspective for mass work should be enlarged. He said the party should enter into ideological struggle with the right and the left. He asked, 'What is labor's role?'

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[redacted] felt the resolution was too descriptive and not analytical enough. He said it asks questions but fails to provide answers. He said the steel strike was fundamental and the party should concentrate on a few problems and find solutions. He also felt that right revisionist and ultra-left tendencies should be fought. He said the feeling of no future for the party should be faced on an ideological level. He also said the fight for the youth is the fight for the party.

"PHIL: PHIL spoke of the need to wage an ideological struggle to bring people back in. He warned against the adoption of a righteous approach. He said the party is getting some back from the extreme right and the ultra-left. He said this was only a handful but was composed of those who recognize the need for the party and place differences of opinion secondary. He spoke of the DOUGHER group and felt there was even hope of bringing them back to the fold. He said the party should be part of many movements all channelled to one end. He referred to Togliatti's statements on this. PHIL spoke of the Sicilian elections as an example of a united front. He said the party should study its application in the U.S. He referred to the Chinese ideological struggle that the party waged and said it was in the end good for them. He said the party people should be like NIKITA KRUSCHEV and get in there and argue ideological points. He spoke of the current steel strike as the key issue of the working class. Later in the meeting PHIL objected to too many resolutions in process in Phila. for the district convention.

[redacted] it would be hard for him to follow such an eloquent speaker but he had some points to make. He said the figures on where the tax dollars go is good. He said most of the workers are not aware of the amount of work spent to pay them. He said the staggering burden of armaments should be driven home by pointing out the domestic benefits that would accrue to the people if they were reduced. He said emphasis should be placed on the youth problems because the youth are the future of the

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"party. He said the repeal of recent 'labor-shackling' bills should be beefed up and emphasize the point that the steel strike is an attack on all labor. He said he had recently read an I.U.E. article in which the words 'class struggle' appeared in a discussion of the Landrum-Griffith Bill.

[redacted] said the resolution failed to take in to account the change in the character of the working class, the decline of the numbers of organized labor, and the huge number of unorganized people in the working class. She said the resolution asks questions but fails to provide answers. b6 b7C b7D

"She said she felt it was not a deep analysis and said there should be a separate resolution on the party itself.

[redacted] and said that since the members of the D.C. did not like the resolution as he had written it, he proposed they rewrite the sections that they disagreed with. After some discussion it was agreed that a committee of three would go over it and resubmit it. They were asked to try and have the revised resolution in the hands of the D.C. before Sept. 28, 1959.

[redacted] from PHIL that a resolution on the negro question was being prepared by [redacted] and one on [redacted] PHIL questioned the need for all these resolutions and [redacted] the people here felt they should be submitted.

"In a remark to [redacted] said he did not think [redacted] would get up to his meeting with [redacted] The date of the next D.C. meeting was set for Monday, [redacted] Phila, Pa. The time was to be 8:30 P.M.

"The meeting adjourned at 12:22 a.m.

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"Addenda:

"Before the meeting [redacted] and told him the passage of the new labor bill signed that day by the President had caused him to move out of the vice-presidency of his union. [redacted] asked him if the move out of office had caused any questions. [redacted] said it had not as his term had expired and he had not chosen to run again for any office under the pretense of needing the rest. [redacted] thought this was a good move on [redacted] part and asked if any of the [redacted] [redacted] and said they only knew him as a progressive in his thinking. [redacted] said this was good because otherwise they might be nailed for perjury. [redacted] told [redacted] his influence was still great as he had hand-picked his replacement."

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From other sources it is known that [redacted]
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * * * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, BOSTON (100-16707)

DATE: 10/16/59

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-2520)

SUBJECT: SCOTT NEARING
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE THE VERY NATURE OF THIS
INFORMATION TENDS TO IDENTIFY A HIGHLY PLACED AND
SENSITIVE INFORMANT:

On 9/25/59, NY 2359-S* advised that on the above date, an individual whose identity was unknown to the informant, had an informal discussion in the Third Floor board room, CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, with several Party functionaries. According to the informant, those included in the discussion were JAMES JACKSON, JACK STACHEL, PHIL BART, HY LUMER, and BETTY GANNETT.

- 2 - Boston (100-16707) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
- ① - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-86624) (CP, USA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-96985) (CP, USA-UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-27452) (ROBERT THOMPSON) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-97856) (HELEN ALFRED)
- 1 - New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (416)
- 1 - New York (100-2520) (SCOTT NEARING)

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The discussion opened with the unknown male, believed to be NEARING, commenting on the labor movement in the United States and the fact that during Soviet Premier KHRUSHCHEV's visit to the United States, the Vice President of the AFL-CIO did everything he could to defend the capitalist system... Today's "Times" (New York Times?), credits some of the distorted statements that RUETHER (WALTER) made regarding KHRUSHCHEV's comments. This individual stated further that in fact that meeting was the tightest (session?) that KHRUSHCHEV had while he was here (United States). As to business men, they are "putty" in his hands...but these labor boys struggle...

Informant advised that further comments were made in this regard but this information was not available to the informant due to the security of the blackboard.

According to the informant, it was further indicated in this discussion that this unknown male was a farmer who had lived in (Vermont?) for the past 19 years.

JACK STACHEL asked NEARING what he thought of the possibility of developing a Labor Party Movement in the United States. The individual believed to be NEARING said that in his opinion the United States today is probably in the same position as Germany was during the period of 1927-32. He said that if you try to organize the New York Labor Party and support the Democrats one year and the Republicans the next, that would be okay, but if you organize the CP you will be destroyed...as the CP has been almost destroyed so there is no opposition in the United States. There will only be a resistance, that is some cells, individuals, and groups here and there who thumb their noses at the ruling class and who do their best to bring back a consciousness in the United States as to what is going on. Then (you will?) have a choice between going underground, carrying on an underground conspiracy...or staying above ground... Now this,

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in my opinion, a conspiratorial underground, is not as effective as a (guiding?) technique of defying those in authority because with a conspiratorial underground, you get so (choked?)...

We have to work out a theory and practice of resistance applicable to the United States in view of what has happened in Russia, China, Japan, and other countries. Anything in the United States which openly defies the ruling class is going to be discouraged and destroyed. The most effective method which they have used in destroying the CP is to have (BOB?) (believed referring to ROBERT THOMPSON) go back to jail...

Informant advised that the discussion continued regarding the impact of Soviet Premier KHRUSHCHEV's visit to the United States and what effect it would have in the building of a peace movement in the United States. JACK STACHEL inquired if this individual believed that it might be possible now to carry on a campaign on Socialist-Marxist propaganda. NEARING further remarked that he did not know whether a peace movement could be started in the United States as a result of Mr. KHRUSHCHEV's visit.

The following is set out as to the possible identity of the unknown individual believed to be NEARING:

On 9/24/59, NY 2010-S* advised on above date: ARNOLD JOHNSON was in contact with HOLLAND ROBERTS asking him to speak at the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the CP, USA. JOHNSON said that HELEN ALFRED was unable to speak but that SCOTT NEARING would. ROBERTS declined the invitation saying that he would be out of town.

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On 9/25/59, SAS DENNIS J. BARRY and JOHN F. CRAIG surveilled the unknown individual upon leaving CP Headquarters that day accompanied by ARNOLD JOHNSON, and they proceeded to 230 Riverside Drive, New York City. It is noted that HELEN ALFRED resides at the above address.

The unknown male believed to be NEARING is described as follows: White male, 60-65 years old, weight 145-155 pounds, height 5'6", pocked marked face, gray hair with receding hairline, and he was wearing high shoes and a blue suit. It is noted that this description closely fits that of SCOTT NEARING.

The above is set out for informational purposes only.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)(415)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 10/16/59

2 - Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)

1 - Chicago (100-) (CHARLES LOMAN) (Info) (RM)

2 - Cleveland (65-721) (ANTON KRCHMAREK) (Info) (RM)

(1 - 100-) (GUS HALL)

4 - Newark (100-4284) (Info) (RM)

(1 - [redacted])

(1 - 100-19491) (PAT TOOHEY)

(1 - 100-) (WALTER BARRY)

1 - New Haven (100-) (CP, USA, Organization) (Info) (RM)

2 - Philadelphia (100-31723) (Info) (RM)

(1 - 100-2427) (DAVE DAVIS)

1 - Pittsburgh (100-) (CP, USA, Organization) (Info) (RM)

1 - San Francisco (100-26076) (AL LANNON) (Info) (RM)

1 - NY [redacted] (Inv) (41)

1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (422)

1 - NY 100-6622 (ANDY ONDA) (422)

1 - NY 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)

1 - NY 100-105078 (HY LUMER) (415)

1 - NY 100-114143 (THERESA ONDA) (422)

1 - NY 100-52959 (CHARLES LOMAN) (422)

1 - NY 100-87211 (CP, USA, Factionalism) (415)

1 - NY 100-84994 (GUS HALL) (415)

1 - NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT) (415)

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Identity of source	[redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)
Description of info	Info received at CP, USA, Headquarters, [redacted]
Date received	9/30/59
Received by	SAS JOHN A. HAAG, NYO and VINCENT E. MURPHY, Newark (oral)
Original location	[redacted]

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following info in order to protect the identity of informant.

Information received from informant, as set forth above, was dictated by SA HAAG to [redacted] on 10/1/59, transcribed on 10/5/59, and authenticated by informant on 10/7/59.

A copy of informant's oral report follows:

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9/30/59

On [redacted] at CP, USA, Headquarters, New York City, the following information was learned from PHIL BART, Organizational Secretary CP, USA;

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BART stated that there was a great controversy as a result of the recent funeral of ANDY ONDA, former Party functionary of the Pittsburgh and Ohio areas. He said that the funeral arrangements represented a new low of depravity on the part of the ultra-left group in Brooklyn.

Since ONDA was from Ohio, CP, USA, leadership expected that ARNOLD JOHNSON, HY LUMER or ANTON KRCHMAREK, all of whom were personal friends of ONDA, would be the Party representative and have the main role in the funeral arrangements. BART, when he made inquiry of Mrs. ONDA, found that she was not disposed to having anyone from the National Office of the CP participate. He said that the funeral arrangements had already been made. He said that this appeared to be malicious and the Party was being forced in a position of "quarreling over a corpse." The Party felt that this was a CP question however because ONDA was a Party man and should be afforded respect of the Party, but that his funeral should not become a "factional disgrace."

After the Party brought some pressure to bear, the committee in charge of arrangements, obviously from the ultra-left group, agreed that LUMER, since he knew ONDA best over the years, would be permitted to act as the master of ceremonies so to speak. Further, this committee did not object to KRCHMAREK being there as a speaker. The committee arranged that CHARLES LOMAN be brought in from Chicago to be the main speaker.

Later, just before the funeral, the Brooklyn leftist group demanded that the CP pay the funeral expenses of \$700. When the Party paid this amount in advance, the committee in charge of the arrangements reneged on their promise and would not permit KRCHMAREK to speak. This opened the old factional fight and some very disgraceful quarrels resulted. Finally, according to BART, LUMER acted as master of ceremonies and KRCHMAREK was permitted to speak.

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BART related that nearly all of the National Office went to the funeral. LOMAN's talk was a furious attack on CP leadership and it lauded ONDA for resisting this leadership. Other speakers followed the same factional line.

At one point during the ceremonies, Mrs. ONDA gave LUMER a letter to read to the assembly. LUMER never saw the letter before and was "mouse trapped" into reading it. This letter developed to be a three-page item from AL LANNON on the West Coast, the basic content of which was the establishment of the fact that ONDA's death was unnecessary and only super-induced by the callous neglect and lack of help and material support on the part of the CP leadership. This letter created a stench and while the ultra-left was gleeful, all others were astonished at the display of the depravity on the part of the ultra-left.

BART advised that AL LANNON has definitely quit the CP and it is expected that he will issue a call to establish a new Party. LANNON, he said, has not given up Communism.

BART also stated that DAVE DAVIS of Philadelphia has resigned from the CP.

With regard to organization, BART said that aside from a possible small group in Western Pennsylvania and Connecticut, there is not a district or state organization existing in those states. He remarked, "We even have states without a CP Club."

With regard to the New Jersey CP, BART stated that GUS HALL had talked with WALTER BARRY and is impressed with him. HALL said that the estimate drawn of BARRY playing politics is incorrect and BARRY is being considered for full time work in the National Office.

On leadership question, BART indicated that he is very unhappy with his position at the office. He is angry about the standoffishness on the part of the National leadership and that he is not accepted as part of the real team. He is given much

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work but cannot break through the ice and be fully on the team. He said he has not been invited to be on the National Executive Committee or National Committee of the Party. He said he was called in to work at the National Office as Organizational Secretary and when he sent out some letters with his title on them people questioned his appointment to such a position. He said that then and only then did the National leadership formalize his position as Organizational Secretary.

BART apologized for being out of the movement for two years due to personal reaction. He stated he could not find his place. The same is true of BETTY GANNETT. She is now renewing her activity because some attention by the National Office is being paid to her.

BART implied broadly that there are serious problems in the Party regarding the leadership on National and State levels, the construction of this leadership and the obtaining of personnel for this leadership who have sufficient respect for each other to work together.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-70482) (422)

10/16/59

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

ABE COTTON
SM-C

Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Reliability	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	9/28/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 9/28/59, ABE COTTON contacted PHIL BART and said he would like to come over and discuss a couple of things with PHIL. PHIL said he was busy. ABE said you said you can discuss other things. PHIL asked what other things. ABE said with Three (Ph) or Turco (Ph) or Turine (Ph). PHIL said ABE could call up someone in the office because he was very busy. PHIL told ABE to take it up with the organization... told him to take it up and he would take it up with the committees. PHIL said if he was not there, someone else will be there... see ARNOLD JOHNSON or somebody. PHIL added that all commitments he makes are with the organization. ABE said you came over and took care of the other thing. PHIL said he took care of it because guys like ABE would not take care of a thing. ABE asked PHIL what he meant. PHIL said - let's not go into it now.. I'm giving you my thinking. ABE hung up.

1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
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TO SAC NEW YORK

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-1696)

FROM : SA DONALD E. HARTNETT

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
IS-C; ISA - 50

DATE: 10/19/59

On 9/22/59, NY 2318-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that BETTY GANNETT recontacted ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN concerning the plans for the 40th anniversary celebration to be held at Carnegie Hall on Friday evening, 9/25/59. The discussion then turned over to the ONDA funeral with GANNETT telling how the Party arranged everything, including the payment of costs, only to find out that THERESA ONDA, ANDY's wife, was in full accord with the left wing faction present and had told PHIL BART that the CP had killed ANDY. ELIZABETH inquired whether ONDA had still been in the Party to which GANNETT replied affirmatively. ELIZABETH said that this will finish BEN DAVIS with CHARLIE LOMAN and GANNETT agreed, saying that it will undo a lot of the good work JIM TORMEY has accomplished in Brooklyn. ELIZABETH said that this "fiasco" might cause trouble at the convention although GANNETT didn't think so if they all stay united.

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 1-New York (100-114143) (THERESA ONDA) (422)
 1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
 1-New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (416)
 1-New York (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (422)
 1-New York (100-68111) (KATHY FLYNN)
 1-New York (100-8057) (GENE DENNIS)
 1-New York (100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
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On 9/22/59, NY 2379-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, in discussion with her sister KATHY, mentioned that she feels that it was a real imposition to ask her to be Chairman of the 40th anniversary celebration, as well as asking her to take up the collection at the meeting. Regarding EDNA WINSTON, ELIZABETH told KATHY that she thinks EDNA's attitude concerning money matters is disgusting in view of all that the Party has done for her and her family. ELIZABETH also told KATHY that the Party made a big mistake trying to take over the ONDA funeral which they should have left to the "extremists." She said the Party paid the funeral expenses for which all it got in return was abuse and to be called "murderers." She told KATHY that she feels that she showed excellent judgment in not attending the funeral because the aggravation would not have helped her cold. Concerning the KHRUSHCHEV visit, ELIZABETH told KATHY that KHRUSHCHEV is on the beam again out in San Francisco, and she was glad he got a chance to meet HARRY BRIDGES, whom she described as "one of our outstanding labor leaders."

On 9/23/59, NY 2379-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that BETTY GANNETT visited the FLYNN apartment. Among other things discussed was the fact that GENE DENNIS is a nervous wreck and that the CP should get help for WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and his wife and that under no circumstances should they go for such help to an outside agency. Concerning the coming convention, ELIZABETH told BETTY that she would be almost willing to take over, but that it has reached the point now where there are no women left on the national committee, that it's practically a "stag party." She said that some of those on the committee would do the Party a favor if they let their wives take over for them, specifically mentioning CLARENCE SHARP from Minneapolis.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * * * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-) DATE: 10/20/59

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100- 8879)

SUBJECT: AL LANNON
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On 9/22/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART had held a conversation at their residence, 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and had discussed a number of items.

The BARTS discussed the funeral of ANDY ONDA which had taken place that morning and which apparently had been "taken over by the left wing." PHIL BART mentioned that HY (LUMER) had been on the rostrum giving his talk over the body when a letter was thrust upon him and he was told that THERESA ONDA had requested it to be read. He said that the letter was from AL LANNON and that LUMER had not had a chance to look at it before reading it. BART described the letter as a "wicked diatribe and the lowest form of gutter politics and to use the body of a dead man as a cover for the occasion to display factionalism was despicable." CONNIE BART commented that she was in full agreement and was disgusted with the whole affair.

2 - Los Angeles (100-) (RM)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-6622) (ANDY ONDA) (422)
1 - New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
1 - New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (416)
1 - New York (100-70482) (ABE COTTON) (422)
1 - New York (100-47211) (STEVE NELSON) (415)
1 - New York (100-106518) (EMIL SHAW) (422)
1 - New York (100-115318) (SOL LIEBER) (422)
1 - New York (100-100724) (IDA LIEBER) (422)
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PHIL continued that BEN DAVIS had rode in the car with him to the cemetery and that he was "fit to be tied." He said that DAVIS had stayed up until 3:00 a.m. in the morning preparing a speech which he was never requested to give.

CONNIE BART mentioned that she had talked with SOL LIEBER and his wife along with a RUTH (LNU). She felt that they could probably be taken back into the Party.

PHIL continued to discuss the funeral and commented that he was glad he had not gone to see WILLIAM FOSTER in order to get a message to read at the funeral. He said that the right wing would really have used that. He commented that he did not see how they could expect cooperation from these people at the Convention. He told his wife that he did not want to see that guy ABE (COTTON) cross the threshold of their apartment for any meeting CONNIE held there and if he did he would throw him out bodily. PHIL said that they could bring him up on charges for throwing COTTON out but that is how he feels and he feels the same way about AL LANNON.

CONNIE answered that she may have to have COTTON there if a board meeting (Kings County CP) were held and PHIL replied that he forbids COTTON to ever come there and that he felt that COTTON was responsible for what happened at the funeral.

PHIL continued that the whole national leadership of the CP, USA was at the funeral as the NEC was in town and that this should have given evidence how the Party felt about ONDA.

PHIL then commented that when he died he wanted a quiet funeral with no speeches to which his wife laughingly replied that she would probably be the only one there anyway.

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PHIL and CONNIE then spoke about TOM SHAW who apparently was at the funeral. CONNIE commented then that she knew him years ago when when was on UE and that she thinks he is presently with Garment. She said that he is really "hush hush" and that no one was allowed to know his name but that it was all right to mention everyone else's. She said that she thought his real name is EMIL as she heard a number of persons calling him that.

PHIL mentioned that he saw STEVE (NELSON) there at the funeral.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * * * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEWARK

DATE: 10/20/59

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP - ORGANIZATION
IS-C

On 9/10/59, NY 1750-S* advised that PHIL BART and his wife had discussed a number of matters at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

BART related that the previous evening he had gone to New Jersey regarding PAT's (TOOHEY) resignation. He said that as far as he is concerned TOOHEY had no intention of resigning as Chairman in New Jersey. He said that it was a very good meeting and that three of them from the National Office had attended including ARNOLD (JOHNSON) and JIM (JACKSON). He said he found out at the meeting that JOHN NORMAN was closer to MARTHA STONE than he is to the CP. He said that all those persons who are the center of the controversy were not at the meeting including MANAY CANTOR, JOE BRANDT, WALTER BARRY, and JOHN NORMAN.

9 - Newark (RM)

(1-100-) (PAT TOOHEY)
(1-100-) (LOU MOROZE)
(1-100-) (WALTER BARRY)
(1-100-) (JOHN NORMAN)
(1-100-) (MARTHA STONE)
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(1-100-) (JOE BRANDT)
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- (1-100-) (LOTTIE GORDON)

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1 - New York (100-16785) (JIM JACKSON) (415)
1 - New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
① - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
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BART said that TOOHEY is fond of his own voice and once he gets started he never stops. He said that TOOHEY contends that the above group is anti-Party and that he is pro-Party. He said that there were some good contributions at the meeting and that LOTTIE GORDON was not too bad and MOROZE was especially good. He said that everyone that spoke wanted TOOHEY to stay but once they started they proceeded to tear him apart. He said that [redacted] really hit him when she asked how anyone who is in the CP could possibly be anti-Party. He said that JOHNSON and JACKSON both spoke and that he had not talked because it was very late.

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He said that TOOHEY had summarized the meeting and accepted the results as a vote of confidence. He said that this whole affair is an old thing with TOOHEY and that the National Office knows it. He said that even though PAT is an old wind bag, he is one of the "first basic proletariats to get into the Movement, and besides he is a good guy." JACKSON asked him if he would withdraw his resignation and someone laughed saying that TOOHEY had already mentioned the agenda for the next meeting.

BART related that after they left the meeting he had forgotten where he had parked his car and the three of them spent about 20 minutes looking for it. He said they found it parked on the same street where the meeting was held. He said that later while they were looking for the parkway he had turned into an alley and hit a dog. He said the whole evening was a complete loss.

SAC, NEW YORK (101-559)

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JESUS COLON
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Identity of Informant NY 1749-S*
(Conceal and paraphrase)

Reliability Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date 10/10/59

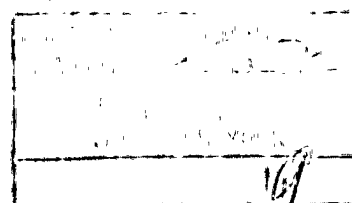
NY 1749-S* advised that on 10/10/59, PHIL (BART) contacted JESUS (COLON) and asked how he was. JESUS said the second cardiogram was taken...he will know the result Tuesday (10/13/59). JESUS stated the doctor said it was not as bad as he thought in the beginning. JESUS asked if PHIL received his note. PHIL replied yes...for JESUS to call [redacted] PHIL said the note is on his desk and told JESUS not to worry about it...only that day.

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PHIL said for the next two weeks he would be going out..that he just got back from Connecticut this morning and is going to Boston next week..in case they do not meet, [redacted] knows about it. JESUS said he was not coming in next week.

1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (101-559) (415)

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN

ANNA STERN
SM-C

Identity of Informant NY 1749-S*
(Conceal and paraphrase)
Reliability Who has furnished reliable
information in the past
Date 10/6/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 10/6/59, CONNIE (BART) contacted ANNA (STERN) and determined she had the wrong ANNA. She was advised that the one she wanted was out for the evening ..with RAY. CONNIE left her number.

NY 1749-S* advised that on the same date, ANNA (STERN) contacted (PHIL BART) and asked for CONNIE. PHIL said she was in bed and very tired. ANNA explained that CONNIE had left word for her to call when she came in. ANNA said to tell CONNIE that she would be in tomorrow. PHIL said he did not think CONNIE would be home tomorrow night. ANNA said to tell CONNIE she would be home any time after 8:00 tomorrow night. PHIL said he would tell her.

1-NY (100-55579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-12959) (CONNIE BART)
1-NY (100-89329) (422)

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COMMUNIST PARTY OF ILLINOIS
ORGANIZATION
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On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA [REDACTED] a copy of the "Draft Illinois Political Resolution" which is to be the principle material to be discussed at the preconvention discussions prior to the holding of the National Convention of the CP, USA in New York City in December, 1959. A photostat was made of this draft resolution and is being retained in 100-18953-1B3 (349).

On [REDACTED] made available to SA [REDACTED] the following described items:

1. A letter dated 9/3/59 addressed "To All Party Clubs, Dear Comrades:" This letter was signed by PHIL DART for the National Executive Committee and it deals with an explanation as to why a referendum was agreed upon at a National Committee meeting to delete Article V Section 5 of the current Constitution of the CP, USA. Two photostats of this letter are being furnished the New York Division.

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2. An invitation to the 40th Anniversary celebration CP, USA to be held Saturday, September 26, 1959, 3:00 p.m. at the Midwest Hotel, Hamlin and Madison Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This item is being retained in 100-18209-1B3 (1176).

2-New York (RM) (Encl. 2)
(1-100- PHIL BART)
(1-100- CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
3-Chicago
(1-A) [REDACTED]
(1-100-18209 PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
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September 3, 1959

TO ALL PARTY CLUBS

Dear Comrades:

We have received a number of inquiries indicating that the original letter containing the referendum is not explicit in stating why a referendum to delete Article V, Section 5 is being taken. We therefore state below additional information on the reasons for this referendum.

The National Committee at its meeting of July 25-26 decided to take a referendum on the section of the Constitution dealing with the method of electing the National Committee. The experiences since the last National Convention have shown that the present article in the Constitution is not adequate for the election of a functioning National Committee. Over the past two years, besides those who resigned from the Committee and the Party, there have been a number of changes by districts of their National Committee members. In all instances N.C. members were changed by District Committees in conformity with the present Constitution. But the N.C. then found itself lacking in cohesion and continuity which such a committee must possess in order to carry out its duties.

Furthermore, the National Committee should be elected following the discussion and adoption of its political line at its National Convention. In the elections it must consider representation from all areas of the country.

The National Committee felt that these questions require more discussion and exchange of views which possibly will result in changes in the manner of election and size of the National Committee. This, as already indicated above, is warranted by the experiences since the 16th National Convention.

In setting aside this section of the Constitution, changes, modifications or even maintaining the present section or any other form of election will be based on the consideration given this matter in pre-convention discussion and amendments to the Constitution which will come from all sections of the Party. The decision will then be made by the National Convention.

Therefore we are presenting the referendum to the Party for adoption which deletes the section dealing with the method of election and leaves to the National Convention the making of the final decision which will come as the result of a general Party discussion.

Comradely yours,

Phil Bart

for the National Executive Committee

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3234)

10/20/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
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(WEEKLY SUMMARY 10/12-18/59)
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10/12/59

NY 1749-S* advised that SID TAYLOR, Connecticut CP functionary, had contacted the subject at his residence and they discussed the possibility of getting together at the CP National Office. They finally decided to meet on Wednesday (10/14/59) at 2:00 p.m. at Headquarters. During the conversation, BART advised that he was very busy with Convention plans and that on Wednesday evening he was scheduled to attend a meeting in New Jersey.

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife discussed the death of ANDY ONDA and CONNIE BART mentioned that she had been in Indianapolis in 1938, when she joined the CP, and had met ONDA there. PHIL mentioned that ONDA had left for a National Training School in New York when she joined up. CONNIE replied that she remembered going to an open air CP meeting where BART spoke and that she had asked him some questions which he was unable to answer. She said that it was the first meeting she went to after she joined the CP and that she would classify herself as being extremely left winged, at the time. She said that she recalled that she was in touch with a lot of CP people prior to her actually joining the Party.

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① - New York (100-56579)
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NY 2359-S* advised that the subject had attended a regularly scheduled meeting of the Resident NEC of the CP, USA which was held at CP Headquarters on the above date. The business taken up at this meeting was that of the draft statement to be released by the CP, USA on the visit of Premier KHRUSHCHEV to the United States. A second topic of discussion was the question of bringing CLARENCE HATHAWAY to New York for the purpose of his helping "The Worker". There followed then a discussion of a review of the manuscript of the book by ALEXANDER BITTELMAN and then a report by JAMES JACKSON on the Convention of the Canadian CP.

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject's wife CONNIE had advised him that JIM TORMEY, Kings County CP Organizer, was coming to their apartment that evening for a meeting. Subject then told his wife that he planned to attend a meeting in New Jersey the following evening and that he would not be home until some time after midnight. He said that he would leave Thursday morning for Boston and would return late Sunday evening by plane and that he wished her to pick him up at Idlewild Airport.

The subject and his wife were then joined by TORMEY who related that PEARL and ALAN LAWS, Kings County CP Negro Functionaries, had been in Chicago over the weekend. TORMEY said that he heard that CHARLIE LOMAN had offered ALAN LAWS a job. At this point the subject told both of them that the National Office had voted to continue financial payments to THERESA ONDA until at least the end of the year.

The above group were then joined by DANNY RUBEEL, Kings County CP Organizational Secretary, and they discussed a number of items relating to the Kings County CP Organization.

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NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted Eastern Airlines and made a reservation in his name on Flight 545 leaving Boston, Massachusetts, at 11:30 p.m., Sunday (10/18/59), and arriving at Idlewild Airport at 12:25 a.m. (10/19/59).

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NY 1749-S* advised that EDNA WINSTON had attempted to contact the subject and had spoken to CONNIE BART. WINSTON said that she was going to see her husband, HENRY, in about a week and had wanted to talk to the subject regarding future plans. CONNIE told EDNA that the subject was out of town and would not be back until the following Monday.

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[REDACTED] advised that the subject had attended a meeting of the [REDACTED] of the CP, USA, [REDACTED]. At this meeting the subject revealed that he planned to attend a meeting in [REDACTED] Massachusetts, on [REDACTED] and also a meeting of the [REDACTED].

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NY 1749-S* advised that BILL ALBERTSON, New York State CP Organizational Secretary, contacted CONNIE BART and advised her that HARRY ONCHER, Kings County CP Section Organizer and long time CP member, had died that afternoon. ALBERTSON said that he wanted CONNIE to know and for her to advise the subject on his return. CONNIE advised that she would go right over to the ONCHER home as she knew ONCHER's wife GOLDIE very well.

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NY 1749-S* advised that [redacted]
[redacted] CP member, had contacted CONNIE BART and CONNIE
advised that she was going out to the airport that
night to pick up the subject who was returning from
Boston from an official trip.

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Date: 10/20/59

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Via AIRTEL _____ REGISTERED _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) (415)
SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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On 10/20/59, NY 694-S* advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON that in a conference with the informant on 10/19/59, JAMES JACKSON, CP, USA Secretary for Southern and Negro Affairs, disclosed the following:

GUS HALL, who abruptly terminated his West Coast trip to return to New York, was ordered to return in order that he might participate in important CP decisions regarding CP convention plans. Other top CP functionaries did not want HALL to be in a

3 - Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
2 - Cleveland (100-421) (GUS HALL) (INFO) (RM)
(1-65-721) (ANTON KRCHMAREK)
1 - Detroit (100-13420) (CARL WINTER) (INFO) (RM)
1 - Chicago (61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (INFO) (RM)
1 - NY 134-91 (INV) (415)
1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
1 - NY 100-84994 (GUS HALL) (415)
1 - NY 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS, JR.) (416)
1 - NY 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
1 - NY 100-105078 (HY LUMER) (415)
1 - NY 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
1 - NY 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL) (415)
① - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - NY 97-169 ("THE WORKER") (415)
1 - NY 100-80641 (415)

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position to disclaim responsibility for decisions by reason of not being present when such decisions should be made.

There will be a resident NEC meeting on October 20th and 21st at which the leadership problem and convention plans will be discussed. JACKSON has been assigned the task of preparing a draft of "a peace theme" for pre-convention discussion, and for ultimate discussion at the coming CP convention. This document will "high-light" the peace issue, and "expose" HERTER, LODGE, ROCKEFELLER, FULBRIGHT and NIXON as leaders of the anti-peace movement.

A sub-committee consisting of JACKSON, JACK STACHEL and PHIL BART has been appointed to prepare the agenda for the coming CP convention, particularly proposals regarding leadership. What JACKSON described as the "number one proposal regarding leadership to be submitted by the aforesaid sub-committee is the following: That DENNIS be chairman; HALL, general secretary; BEN DAVIS, legislative secretary; "HY" LUMER, educational director; and JAMES JACKSON, editor of "The Worker." Proposal "number one" also includes the suggestion that there be three regional secretaries, one for the west, one for the Mid-West, and one for the South. In this connection, the sub-committee is considering the additional suggestion that there be an "Eastern-Seaboard regional director."

What JACKSON termed a "second proposal" was the following: Either that there be a chairman, vice-chairman and executive secretary, with possibly several other secretaries, or that there be a chairman, several vice-chairmen and several "directors," said directors to include such individuals as ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, ANTON KRCHMAREK, CARL WINTER, and JAMES JACKSON.

JACKSON indicated that the above-mentioned leadership proposals would be discussed at the resident NEC meetings on October 20th and 21st, 1959.

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-)

10/21/59

SAC, NEW YORK (97-169)

"THE WORKER"
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On 9/30/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART had discussed a number of items at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY.

PHIL mentioned to CONNIE that the National Office was thinking about bringing in a three man delegation from the midwest to NY to study the possibility of a midwest edition of "The Worker". He said that the delegation is GENE's (DENNIS) idea and he wants to bring in CLARENCE HATHAWAY and his wife. PHIL said that if DENNIS thinks they are going to pay for CLARENCE HATHAWAY and his wife to come to New York for three days, he was crazy. He said that he told DENNIS that he could not authorize funds for the trip.

3 - Minneapolis (100-) (RM)
(1 - 100-) (CLARENCE HATHAWAY)
④ - New York (97-169)
(1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
(1 - 100-12959) (CONNIE BART)
(1 - 100-8057) (GENE DENNIS) (#415)

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-95704)

DOROTHY HEALEY
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On 9/23/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised PHIL and CONNIE BART, during a discussion at their residence at 2415 West 41st Ave., Brooklyn, NY, had discussed a number of items.

PHIL had mentioned to his wife that the way everyone was running around at the National Office, you would not think that the national convention was ten weeks away. He mentioned that HY LUIER was teaching some type of class. CONNIE BART commented that LUIER's classes were a good idea as they would help prepare leadership which has been sadly lacking. Her husband commented that what has been sadly lacking is the organizing of the present national leadership and that in order to do this, you have to be right here in New York instead of running all over the country.

PHIL then mentioned the referendum on the election of delegates and officers of the CP and commented that it did not appear to be doing too well and that the only people working on it were those interested in maintaining a status quo. He said that they had received a letter that day from DOROTHY HEALEY addressed to DENNIS and the National Committee which set out that everyone in that district (southern California) was unanimously in agreement on the referendum. BART commented that this was the first time in four years that everyone in that district had agreed on anything. He said there is no doubt that the reason they were all in agreement was that everyone including the left-wing, want three or four free trips a year to New York.

2 - Los Angeles (100-) (RM)
5 - New York (100-95704)
2 - 100-53579 (PHIL BART)
1 - 100-12959 (CONNIE BART)
1 - 100-105073 (HY LUIER)
1 - 100-3057 (GENE DENNIS)

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN #415

CP - KINGS COUNTY

On 9/30/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART had discussed a number of items at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY.

Source said that CONNIE had asked her husband who she could see about JIM TORNEY as she is getting fed up with him and his actions. PHIL advised her that BILL ALBERTSON was the person to contact. CONNIE replied that she did not believe she would get anyplace with ALBERTSON and it would not do any good.

PHIL disagreed with her on this and CONNIE commented that TORNEY wanted her to do the work but did not want her to "fulfill any role". She ended this conversation by saying that she was "just fed up".

- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART)
- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART)
- 1 - New York (100-15945) (JIM TORNEY) (#422)
- 1 - New York (100-129529) (BILL ALBERTSON) (#416)
- 1 - New York (100-26603 C 43) (#422)

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Date: 10/14/59

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT

Via AIRTEL RM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO
IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

- 5 - Bureau (100-3-69)(RM)
(1-97-401)(PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS)
(1-100-3-81)(CPUSA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
- 2 - Minneapolis (RM)
(1-100-) (CLARENCE HATHAWAY)
- 1 - NY (100-8057)(EUGENE DENNIS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-18065)(JACK STACHEL)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-48033)(IRVING POTASH)(415)
- ① - NY (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-105078)(HY LUMER)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-16785)(JAMES E. JACKSON)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-23825)(BEN J. DAVIS, JR.)(416)
- 1 - NY (100-1696)(ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-86624)(CPUSA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)(415)
- 1 - NY (97-169)(PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-20128)(ALEXANDER BITTELMAN)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-80641)

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On 10/13/59, NY 2359-S* advised that on this date the regularly scheduled meeting of Resident NEC, CPUSA, was held in the third floor board room, CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, NYC. According to the informant those in attendance were:

EUGENE DENNIS
JACK STACHEL
IRVING POTASH
PHIL BART
HY LUMER
JAMES JACKSON
BEN DAVIS, JR.
and ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN

EUGENE DENNIS chaired the meeting and announced that the first topic would be the draft statement on Premier KHRUSHCHEV'S visit to the US.

BEN DAVIS, JR. read the draft statement and the points mentioned were:

The KHRUSHCHEV visit resulted in greater understanding between nations; in the communique issued from Camp David it was stated that both sides agreed to settle their differences by peaceful negotiations rather than by arms; the visit urged the extension of cultural, scientific, and other types of exchanges; socialism needs no wars to progress; money spent for defense purposes could be used for schools, hospitals, and the like.

Informant advised that discussion followed the above statement wherein there was general disagreement with it. EUGENE DENNIS felt the statement was "too one sided". JACK STACHEL stated that the statement should be more inclusive and suggested that a subcommittee be set up in order to have the statement completed by the end of this week.

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IRVING POTASH expressed the opinion that the statement should deal with the nature of the propaganda of the opposing forces and should include "counter-acting" statements. BEN DAVIS, JR. said "we" have to say that ROCKEFELLER (Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER) today is the leader of the trend to prevent the realization of co-existence and the significance of the EISENHOWER-KHRUSHCHEV visit. DAVIS further remarked that/the moment "ROCKEFELLER is saying to EISENHOWER that he is not demanding enough from the Soviet Union and is too conciliatory." DAVIS said that it was necessary for the Party to develop an independent position and program on the question of peace.

Informant advised that there then followed some discussion on the leadership problem, but due to the added security of the blackboard this information was not available to the informant.

The next topic of discussion was the question of CLARENCE HATHAWAY and the possibility of his helping out with the paper ("The Worker"). EUGENE DENNIS said that he had talked with HATHAWAY when he, DENNIS, was last in Chicago. DENNIS felt that HATHAWAY could make a valuable contribution to the paper's editorial board and further that he had discussed with HATHAWAY the possibility of HATHAWAY attending the conference on the paper ("The Worker") to be held October 23rd and 24th in NYC (no place mentioned). DENNIS said that it was agreed that HATHAWAY should come to New York for a week or ten days for discussion and further that there would be no leadership changes until after the convention.

JACK STACHEL stated that HATHAWAY could contribute to the paper, especially on national politics.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN said that she had the impression that HATHAWAY was definitely against moving to New York; felt that his age of 65 was not in his favor and that for the past 18 years he has had no real newspaper experience.

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FLYNN said that she did not believe HATHAWAY should have to wait around in NY for a permanent assignment until after the convention.

BEN DAVIS, JR. commented that he agreed with FLYNN and said that the NEC had not evaluated properly:

1. HATHAWAY'S capabilities
2. The position of editorship of the paper.

EUGENE DENNIS then stated that HATHAWAY should be asked to participate in the conference and that it should be made clear to him that he was being called in only for a short period of consultation.

HY LUMER and JACK STACHEL next presented a review of the manuscript of a book by ALEXANDER BITTELMAN. According to the informant both LUMER and STACHEL were critical of the book and recommended that the Party not support the publishing of it.

JAMES JACKSON then presented the report on the Canadian CP Convention (held October 9 through 11, 1959, at Toronto, Canada.) JACKSON reported that 200 people attended, of which 125 were delegates to this "very enthusiastic convention" and that approximately 500 people attended the convention banquet. (It is noted that NY 694-S* reported on 10/13/59, that according to JAMES JACKSON 250 were delegates to the convention).

JACKSON said that TIM BUCK made the opening key-note speech and that the convention adopted the draft resolution and the draft program. He said that certain changes in the Canadian constitution were made and that TIM BUCK was unanimously elected Party leader. JACKSON in his report said that there were differences of opinion on points in the draft resolution, the constitution, and the draft program, but that there was no real "oppositional struggle."

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at the convention. He mentioned that they had changed their name to the "Communist Party of Canada."

Following JACKSON'S report, discussion was had whether to advise BITTELMAN of the rejection of his manuscript by letter or by notifying him personally to come to the National Office. It was finally agreed that a committee consisting of LUMER, STACHEL, and FLYNN were to advise BITTELMAN of the decision.

Meeting adjourned.

10/16/59

PLAIN TEXT

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-24914)
SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
IS - C; SA - 40

Re: NY airtel dated 10/8/59.
NY teletype dated 10/14/59.

[redacted] advised 10/16/59 that BART attended a meeting of the North Shore Section, CP, USA, New England District, 10/15/59. Visit to this area was for purpose of discussion of the Draft Political Resolution. BART also disclosed other national leaders travelling to different areas for same purpose. BART will attend District Committee Meeting Sunday, 10/18/59. Believed BART will also attend meeting, Brookline, Massachusetts evening 10/16/59.

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In view of informant involvement, these meetings, and possible resultant compromise of this coverage, including a sensitive and highly placed informant, no fisur of BART being conducted by Boston Office.

Eastern Airlines advised BART's reservation for Flight #545 leaving Boston for New York 11:30 pm, Sunday, 10/18/59 validated 10/16/59.

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- 3 - Bureau (100-3284)
 - ① - New York (100-56579) (Info)
 - 1 - Boston (100-24914)
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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * * * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (100-3740) DATE: 10/20/59

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-11032)

SUBJECT: MORRIS CHILDS
IS-C

On 9/21/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART had held a conversation at their residence, 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and had discussed a number of items.

PHIL BART and his wife discussed the leadership of the CP and PHIL remarked that GENE DENNIS would never be a popular leader as he just is not built that way. He said that BEN DAVIS has natural leadership especially in a thing like the death of ANDY ONDA. He said that he would have to admit that DAVIS knows how to handle things. CONNIE commented that DENNIS is nothing but a "damn snob."

- 2 - Chicago (100-3740) (RM)
- 1 - Newark (100-) (WALTER BARRY)
- 1 - Cleveland (100-) (GUS HALL)
- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (416)
- 1 - New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-84275) (BILL PATTERSON) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-84944) (GUS HALL) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-6622) (ANDY ONDA) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (416)
- 1 - New York (100-11032)

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PHIL then mentioned that CONNIE's name had again come up that day at CP Headquarters and that GENE DENNIS had asked if she would accept a leadership position in the CP. He said that he told DENNIS to ask CONNIE as he could not answer for her. However, he pointed out that CONNIE had refused the offer in the past. PHIL said that personally if there were a vote and it were between CONNIE and BILL PATTERSON, he would probably vote for PATTERSON. CONNIE said that he was only fooling and BART retorted that he was serious.

PHIL then mentioned that GUS HALL had come back from New Jersey yesterday and had mentioned that he met with WALTER BARRY. He said that he expects to see MORRIS CHILDS soon. CONNIE commented that CHILDS usually talks in hyerglyphics and he is supposed to be so hush hush on the phone. She said actually he should be told not to talk so freely because if she can make out what he means then anyone else could.

CONNIE and PHIL then discussed the death of ANDY ONDA and CONNIE commented that he would have eventually come back to the Party and PHIL said that one thing for sure, ONDA would always have been a Communist.

They then discussed the two day Eastern Regional CP Conference to be held that weekend and BART mentioned that JIM TORMEY would fit into it like a "hand into a glove" and that it was "right up his alley." CONNIE commented that she would not go to the conference unless TORMEY's wife, BETTY (GANNETT), was going to be there. PHIL commented that if GANNETT could not make it, no one would cry and that she is a psychopath and the worst snob he has ever known. CONNIE commented that she told that to PHIL a long time ago and he had said she was being subjective.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) (415)
SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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On 10/22/59, NY 594-S* advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON that on the aforesaid date, PHIL BART, CP, USA Organizational Secretary, told the informant the following:

By letter dated 10/22/59, all NEC members were advised that the next full NEC meeting would open as originally proposed on Wednesday, 11/4/59, at 10:30 A.M.; that in view of the fact that this probably would be the last NEC meeting before the convention, no closing date was set for the meeting; that it would continue in session until all its work should be completed. The letter also noted that adequate time and attention must be devoted to all matters that must be acted upon before the convention.

3 - Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
1 - Baltimore (100-12076) (GEORGE MEYERS) (INFO) (RM)
1 - Chicago (61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (INFO) (RM)
1 - Cleveland (65-721) (ANTON KRCHMARSK) (INFO) (RM)
1 - Detroit (100-13420) (CARL WINTER) (INFO) (RM)
1 - Seattle (100-127) (BURT NELSON) (INFO) (RM)
1 - NY 154-91 (INV) (415)
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - NY 100-80641 (415)

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C43)

DATE: 10/27/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (415)

SUBJECT: CP - KINGS COUNTY
IS - C

On 10/5/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART had discussed a number of various items at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

PHIL and CONNIE discussed JIM TORMEY and CONNIE went into a tirade about how difficult it is to get along with him. PHIL remarked that she should make an issue of it to which CONNIE replied that to do that is a lot easier said than done.

- 1 - NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (422)
- 1 - New York (26603-C43)

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C263)

DATE: 10/21/59

FROM : SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH (422)

SUBJECT :
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- 1-New York (Inv.) (422)
- 1-New York (100-26603-C43) (KCCP) (422)
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- 1-New York (100-128314-Sub B) (CP, USA, NYD, KINGS CO.-FUNDS) (422)
- 1-New York
- 1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1-New York
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- 1-New York (100-26603-C265) (BORO HALL SECTION, KCCP) (422)
- 1-New York (100-128821) (CP, USA, NYD, FACTIONALISM) (416)
- 1-New York (100-26603-C263) (422)

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Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished
reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info:

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Date Received: 10/5/59

Received by: SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH (orally)

Original located:

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The above information was furnished by the informant
on 10/5/59 and authenticated on 10/9/59.

A copy of informant's report follows:

NY 100-26603-C263

10/5/59

On [redacted] there was a meeting of the [redacted] Communist Party, at the residence of [redacted] N.Y.

The following persons were present: [redacted]

[redacted] said that \$146.00 had been contributed to the 40th Anniversary celebration by the section. The county figure was announced as being more than \$800.00 but not completed yet.

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✓ The big deal at this meeting was a report [redacted] on ANDY ONDA's funeral. The state committee of the Party made arrangements for this funeral and sent PHIL BART over to see Mrs. ONDA with all the details made. She would have nothing to do with the state arrangements and had PEARL LAWS call CHARLIE LOMAN and have him come in to make a speech at the funeral. BEN DAVIS was mad about all this especially since the state paid for the whole thing. To top it all off, someone read a letter saying that ANDY's death was the result of the way the state and national committees treated him and that didn't sit very well with DAVIS. Now the state is blaming ALLAN and ABE COTTON, who made the actual arrangements at the request of ANDY's widow and will have a big investigation of the whole thing.

There is talk about sending Mrs. ONDA and her children to school and the [redacted] will try to pay for it.

SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-30295)

10/21/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560)

CP, USA - FUNDS
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On 10/16/59, NY 2002-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to the NYO a copy of the following letter from PHIL BART, designated for the CPEPD:

"October 5, 1959

"Dear Comrades:

"We are listing below the dues average for the 11 months from October 1, 1958 to September 30, 1959, for your District. The dues payments for an average of 12 months ending October 31, 1959 will be used to determine the delegation from each District to the National Convention. We urge you to pick up the dues payments so that we can have your average figures for the 12 months, computed during November 1959.

"We also wish to call your attention to the National Convention assessment which is equal to two months dues and which should be obtained in the next two months.

"Comradely yours,

"Phil Bart
"National Organizational Secretary

2-Philadelphia (100-30295)(RM)
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<u>"District</u>	<u>Total dues paid from 11/1/58 to 9/30/59</u>	<u>Average (11 mos.)</u>	<u>No. Delegates based on 9/30/59 (11 mos.)</u>
E. Pa.	2,004	182	6"

If above information is to be used in reports disseminated outside the Bureau, it should be appropriately paraphrased to protect the identity of NY 2002-S*.

SAC, NEWARK (100-4284A)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560)

CP, USA - Funds
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On 10/16/59, NY 2002-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to the NYO a copy of the following letter from PHIL BART designated for the New Jersey CP:

"October 5, 1959

"Dear Comrades:

"We are listing below the dues average for the 11 months from October 1, 1958 to September 30, 1959, for your District. The dues payments for an average of 12 months ending October 31, 1959 will be used to determine the delegation from each District to the National Convention. We urge you to pick up the dues payments so that we can have your average figures for the 12 months, computed during November 1959.

"We also wish to call your attention to the National Convention assessment which is equal to two months dues and which should be obtained in the next two months.

"Comradely yours,

"PHIL BART
National Organizational Secretary

<u>"District</u>	<u>Total dues paid from</u> <u>11/1/58 to 9/30/59</u>	<u>Average</u> <u>(11 mos.)</u>	<u>No. Delegates</u> <u>based on 9/30/59</u> <u>(11 mos.)</u>
New Jersey	1,012	92	3"
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1-New York (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)			
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TO: SAC (100-1502)

10/22/59

FROM: SA WILLIAM S. BETTS

SUBJECT: CPUSA
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- 1 - Boston (RM)
- 1 - 100-16707 (SCOTT NEARING)
- 1 - Chicago (RM)
- 1 - 100- (A. PHILIP RANDOLPH)
- 3 - Newark (RM)
- 1 - 100- (LOTTIE GORDON)
- 1 - 100- (MARTHA STONE)
- 1 - 100-18491 (PATRICK TOOHEY)
- 1 - New York (RM)
- 1 - 100- (EVELYN)
- 1 - 100- (JIM)
- 1 - 100-56579 (PHILIP BART)
- 1 - 100-23825 (BENJAMIN DAVIS)
- 1 - 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS)
- 1 - 100-1696 (ELIZ. GURLEY FLYNN)
- 1 - 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON)
- 1 - 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON)
- 1 - 100-84275 (WM. L. PATTERSON)
- 1 - 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL)
- 1 - 100- (ADAM CLAYTON POWELL)
- 33 - Philadelphia
- 1 - 100-1502
- 1 - 100-6176 ("POLITICAL AFFAIRS")
- 1 - 100-4842 ("THE WORKER")
- 1 - 100-33150 (CPUSA-FACTIONALISM)
- 1 - 100-30295 (CPUSA-FUNDS)
- 1 - 100-33143 (CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION)
- 1 - 100-31723 (CPUSA-ORGANIZATION)
- 1 - 100-31643 (CPUSA-PAMPHLETS & PUB.)
- 1 - 100-30941 (CPUSA-POLITICAL ACTIV.)
- 1 - 100-22157 (PHILIP BART)
- 1 - 100-34061 (WILLIAM CRAWFORD)
- 1 - 100-37636 (BENJAMIN DAVIS)
- 1 - 100-2427 (DAVID DAVIS)
- 1 - 100-35375 (HIRAM DAVIS)
- 1 - 100-31018 (EUGENE DENNIS)
- 1 - 100-22603 (JAMES DOLSEN)
- 1 - 100-27855 (ELIZ. GURLEY FLYNN)
- 1 - 100-28841 (FRANCES GABOW)
- 1 - 100-16232 (JAMES JACKSON)
- 1 - 100-33412 (ARNOLD JOHNSON)

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1 -	[Redacted]
1 -	65-1686 (THOMAS NABRIED)
1 -	100-1505 (SCOTT NEARING)
1 -	100-1578 (WM. L. PATTERSON)
1 -	100-38020 (JOSEPH ROBERTS)
1 -	100-2459 (STERLING ROCHESTER)
1 -	65-4641 (DANIEL RUBIN)
1 -	[Redacted]
1 -	100-34810 (JACK STACHEL)
1 -	100-20567 (MARTHA STONE)
1 -	100-18709 (PATRICK TOOHEY)
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On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA WILLIAM S. BETTS of the following. This information was rough drafted on 10/5/59 into statement form, typed by Stenographer [redacted] on 10/8/59, and was then read and initialed by the informant on 10/9/59. It is maintained in [redacted]

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"Philadelphia, Pa.
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"On [redacted] a delegation from Philadelphia attended the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the CPUSA at Carnegie Hall in NYC. Approximately 3000 people were in attendance. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was chairman of this affair, and the speakers were:

EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary, CPUSA
SCOTT NEARING, traveler and lecturer
BEN DAVIS, Jr., State Chairman of the CP, N. Y. State

"Speech by EUGENE DENNIS:

"DENNIS said the CP stood wholeheartedly behind President EISENHOWER in his talks with KHRUSHCHEV for peace. In order to strengthen the peace forces in this country, it is necessary to build once again a strong CP. Without a strong CP, peace forces will be inadequate. DENNIS also dealt with the position of the CP on other

"questions, such as the CP's struggle for the Negro people, civil rights, housing, integration, etc.

"Speech by SCOTT NEARING:

"NEARING spoke of two trips to Europe, of a tour of the Scandinavian countries, and a trip to the USSR. He said the Scandinavian countries were supposed to have a Socialist government, but actually there has been no change in conditions since there has been no change in the social forces in society. In his tour of the Soviet Union and Soviet Bloc countries, such as Czechoslovakia, Poland and others, there has been vast improvement in the social position of the people; especially is this true in the Soviet Union.

"Speech by BEN DAVIS:

"BEN DAVIS spoke mainly of the struggle of the CP in Harlem and the role the CP played in the primary election in Harlem, where the ticket which had the support of Congressman POWELL defeated the old Democratic machine and Tammany Hall. He said this was possible because of the CP support of the POWELL ticket. He said the CP went to the people of Harlem in the form of open air meetings, vast distribution of leaflets, and house-to-house visiting of people.

"He also condemned the tactics of President GEORGE MEANY, of the AFL-CIO, at a recent convention in San Francisco, in which MEANY got into an argument with A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, Negro president of the Sleeping Car Porters and Dining Car Workers Union. RANDOLPH asked the convention to go on record abolishing Jim Crow locals in AFL-CIO, referring to certain railroad unions which barred Negroes from the union. MEANY asked RANDOLPH who appointed him spokesman and leader of the Negro people, and many other questions, which DAVIS described as 'Negro baiting.'

"A collection of nearly \$3,000 was made at the meeting.

"On [redacted] following the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the CPUSA on [redacted] at NYC, there was an [redacted] of the CPUSA. This conference was to consist of CP state organizations from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland.

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"(A similar conference was called at the same time for the Midwest, to be held in Chicago. A similar conference will be held by the West Coast CP within a two-week period.)

"Purpose of the Conference:

"To try to help overcome some of the many problems confronting the CPUSA between now and the coming convention in December, and to try to strengthen the Party organizations.

"Members of the national leadership who were responsible for the conference and who were present were:

PHILIP BART
JACK STACHEL
WILLIAM L. PATTERSON
JAMES JACKSON
ARNOLD JOHNSON

"Philadelphia delegates to the conference were the following:

THOMAS NABRIED
SARGE DAVIS
FRANCES GABOW
JAMES DOLSEN

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STERLING ROCHESTER
BILL CRAWFORD
DANIEL RUBIN

[REDACTED] from Levittown, Pa.
NOLA, colored woman from West Philadelphia

"The New Jersey delegation:

PAT TOOHEY
LOTTIE (GORDON) (white woman)
two other white men

"The New York delegation:

7 or 8 people, including

EVELYN, white woman from New York
JIM, colored man from Harlem
One man and one woman from Brooklyn,
colored

"Conference:

"PHIL BART made the main report. He said the conference was not to give answers, but to solve some of the CP's problems with the help of those present. He outlined some of these problems as follows:

"Since the last convention, which was divided on the basis of many ideological questions, the leadership did not rally the Party comrades in carrying out the decisions of the convention. As an example, he said about 18 months following the convention, practically the whole New Jersey State CP leadership under the chairmanship of MARTHA STONE, without any discussion with the National leadership, resigned from the Party, leaving the organization without leadership.

"In Pennsylvania, because of differences of opinion of certain leaders in the Party, DAVID DAVIS and JOSEPH ROBERTS acted similarly, not trying to move the Party in activity and struggle, waited until 1958 to resign from the National Committee.

"Similar problems exist in practically all districts of the Party present at the conference. Because of this, the majority of the Party clubs are not taking an active part in the life of the community and district and state organizations are not playing a political role in the life of their cities and states. Therefore, during the discussions, it will be necessary for the comrades not only to give reports, but discuss their weaknesses, and try to bring out into discussion how they have tried to integrate the Party clubs into all the problems of their community.

"He pointed out some of the important tasks:

1. To work out courses of action in how we can

- "give help and support to the steel strike.
2. To integrate wherever possible in the struggle for Negro rights and support the Negro people.
 3. Great thoughts must be given to how the Communists must work and live with the Landrum-Griffin law. He pointed out that one of the main features of the law was aimed against the Communists, and this law was more vicious than the Taft-Hartley law. He went on to explain the anti-Communist provisions of this law. Under the Taft-Hartley law an official of union who could prove he was not a Communist at the time he signed an affidavit to this effect could not be prosecuted. However, under the Landrum-Griffin law a person voted into office and who can be proved to have been a member of the CP within five years previous to that time, can be prosecuted and also his local union can be fined as high as ten thousand dollars.

"BART said: if the Party wants to gain, it has to fortify itself with the teachings of Marxism-Leninism, so that the membership will be in a position to remind any leaders that stray from this path.

"During the discussions, the following problems were brought out:

"New York - Mass work is progressing. CP has two known Communists on independent tickets, one in Lower East Side and one in Harlem. CP has had street meetings. They have met with good response, and to some extent the CP has come out of isolation.

"In Harlem there was a big campaign against landlords who refused to repair slum housing. Many houses were rat infested. Same situations exist in Lower Manhattan. They have linked these struggles together, so that Negroes in Harlem and white people in Lower Manhattan have a feeling of fighting for the same things.

"Influence of the Party has spread, especially through the participation of BEN DAVIS, Jr., in election struggles and activity in fighting for the immediate needs of the people. Many people, mostly non-Party people, come to DAVIS for advice on their problems each day.

"The New York CP has been active in the question of integration in schools, new schools, overcrowded schools. Integration in the Queens School was completed without incident because of CP members who were members of the PTA.

"New Jersey - Comrades in New Jersey raised the problem created by the desertion of MARTHA STONE and others, which had left the CP district without fulltime leaders. This placed extra work on the comrades who held other fulltime jobs and who were trying to hold the Party together.

"There was generally a lot of discussion by all delegations concerning the loss of Negro membership in the CP. STERLING ROCHESTER, as well as some others, said the loss of Negro membership was due to the fact that in the past ten years, the CP has failed in its fight for the rights of the Negro people. Contributing to this failure in the last two-year period was the divided opinion of the National and District leadership. When the Negro membership was rising in the CP, they felt the CP was carrying the fight for first-class citizenship, but in recent years the CP has not taken an independent role for the rights of the Negro people. The CP should have a full discussion to clarify the issues and show the Negro people once again that the CP is fighting for them.

"WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Managing Editor of 'The Worker,' said that only to the extent that we build 'The Worker' will we be able to build the CP. He wants to bring back into the Party people who left during the McCarthy period. Comrades must stop looking upon 'The Worker' as a burden but as an organizer. People who read 'The Worker' are eventually sympathizers and form a basis for Party membership drives and those who will support Party issues although not members of the Party. 'The Worker' is an asset, not a liability.

"JAMES JACKSON

"JACKSON said the key question for the whole Party membership to study was: 'What Is A Communist?' Once they know this, they will be in a position to raise the political consciousness of the masses. They belong to a class and do not have the illusion they will move up into a higher strata.

"JACK STACHEL

"STACHEL pointed out that American capitalists have entered into a new stage of development, but side-by-side of the American capitalist also have come into being the Soviet Union, China and other European countries. Therefore, the struggles of American capitalists have entered into a struggle with the Socialists. Because of this struggle, the American capitalists will work out ways and means of how to eliminate the liberties of the people while at the same time not reverting to a Fascist type of attack as was demonstrated in Germany and Italy during the reign of HITLER. American capitalists will allow the open functioning of the CP, but at the same time isolate it in every way from the working class. He cited the McCarran Act and the Landrum-Griffin law as examples.

"The conference closed Sunday, 9/27/59, at about 2:00 p.m. It was brought out that a careful study of all the discussions was to be made by the National Committee and recommendations would be forwarded to the comrades. A study would be made of the Landrum-Griffin law so that every comrade will be able to study and know this law.

"Each CP club should establish identity in the community and be a factor in every struggle of the people in the community.

"Careful study should be made of Draft Resolution of Convention in 'Political Affairs.'

"Every Communist or Party Club should send in any

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"disagreement with the Draft Resolution; Pre-convention
comments should be sent to "The Worker.""

apparently [redacted] from Levittown, and NOLA from Philadelphia, are
[redacted] and NOLA WHARTON, respectively.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579)

FROM: SA [redacted]

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DATE: 10/23/59

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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The above captioned subject was observed entering and/or leaving 23 West 26th St., New York, New York.

NY 1726-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 4/21/57 that effective 4/15/57 the National and New York State offices of the Communist Party would occupy the premises at 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York:

NY 694-S* on 6/5/58 advised that the editorial staff of "The Worker" was to be moved into the building at 23 West 26th Street on 6/7,8/58.

NY 2002-S* on 6/20/58 verified the occupancy of the basement and first floor areas of building by the office staff of "The Worker", an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560)

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SA [redacted] (416)

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On [redacted] (Conceal) [redacted]

[redacted] Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, (formerly Chemical Corn Exchange Bank) 28th Street and Broadway, NYC, made available to SAA [redacted] personal money orders of the Chemical Corn Exchange Bank, as follows:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Endorsements</u>
8/7/59	30749	ANDY ONDA	\$50.00	ANDY ONDA, NATHAN BRODIE, M.D. National City Bank Flatbush branch 9/3/59.
8/7/59	30750	ALEX BITTLEMAN	\$50.00	ALEX BITTLEMAN, 4 Valley Trail, Croton, NY
8/7/59	30751	EDNA WINSTON	\$75.00	EDNA WINSTON, 2733 Barker Ave. For Deposit Only JOE TUCKMANS Dept. Store 8/18/59
10/1/59	32279	THERESA ONDA	\$43.83	THERESA ONDA 68892 National City Bank 10/5/59

- 1-New York (100-6622)(ANDREW ONDA)(422)
- 1-New York (100-20128)(ALEXANDER BITTLEMAN)(414)
- 1-New York (100-78589)(EDNA WINSTON)(421)
- 1-New York (100-11413)(THERESA ONDA)(422)
- 1-New York (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
- 1-New York (100-74560)(415)

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All of the above checks were drawn by PHIL BART,
23 West 26th Street, New York, NY. The purpose of the
above checks is not known but is believed to represent
subsidy payments by the CP, USA to the above individuals.

The above information obtained from [] must not
be disclosed publicly without the prior issuance of a subpoena
duces tecum. [] identity as the source must be concealed.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-105) DATE: 10/23/59

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-131666)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - Southern Region
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NY 694-S* reported on 9/29/59, he had ascertained that the Southern Regional Committee (SRC), CP, USA, would hold a meeting in New York City over the weekend of October 3-4, 1959. Ten people from the South would attend, plus JAMES E. JACKSON, [redacted] and SYLVIA HALL from New York.

Fisurs of members of the Southern Regional Committee on 10/3/59, by SAS of the NYO reflected JAMES E. JACKSON, [redacted] and PHIL BART entered an apartment building located at 894 Riverside Drive, NYC.

Fisur by SAS of the NYO on 10/4/59, at this address reflected the following members of the SRC departing from this address:

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JAMES E. JACKSON
[redacted]

HOSEA HUDSON
SYLVIA HALL
BERTHA TEPLow, aka Clara Lester
MARY KALB
[redacted]

NY 694-S* reported on 10/6/59, JAMES E. JACKSON, on that date, furnished the following information:

A meeting of the SRC had been held over the preceding weekend, 10/3-4/59, in New York City. This meeting was attended by JAMES E. JACKSON, Chairman of the SRC and Secretary of Negro and Southern Affairs, CP, USA; [redacted] Jackson's Assistant. SYLVIA HALL, Treasurer of the Southern Region; PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary, CP, USA, plus approximately ten delegates from the South.

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The main discussion at this meeting centered around a review of work for the past eight months and coming organizational problems of the CP, USA.

A fight developed at this meeting. SYLVIA HALL attempted to discredit JACKSON and [redacted] charging they did not pay sufficient attention to the Southern Region during the past year. When JACKSON and [redacted] gave their reports on the Southern activity for the past eight months, they completely rebutted HALL's charges. Their reports reflected the importance of their contacts within the South, such as important local people and people within the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). They further indicated the past activities of [redacted] in connection with the Youth March on Washington. The end result was that the reports of JACKSON and [redacted] were accepted unanimously and a program set up for the next four month period, which program is identical with previous programs of the SRC.

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It was further agreed at this meeting that four delegates from the Southern Region will be sent to the forthcoming 17th National Convention CP, USA, and that [redacted] will be one of these delegates, officially representing the State of Texas.

The above information has been furnished to the Bureau by airtel, 10/5-6/59, under instant caption.

On 10/6/59, NY 2409-S* furnished photographs of material located in the residence of SYLVIA HALL, Treasurer of the Southern Region, 526 West 113th St., NYC. It is noted that BERTHA TEPLow, aka, Clara Lester, former CP organizer for the State of Florida, resides with HALL.

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Among the items furnished was a stenographic type notebook containing the results of the aforementioned SRC meeting. It is believed this notebook is the property of BERTHA TEFLOW inasmuch as the notes are written in longhand rather than the "Speedwriting" HALL utilizes.

These notes reflect the following information regarding the SRC meetings:

The agenda for the meeting was to include -

First day - 10/3/59.

1. Significance of 21st Congress, Communist Party, Soviet Union (CPSU) and KHRUSHCHEV visit to the United States.

2. Work of the Secretary of Negro and Southern Affairs Committee (or Commission).

Second day - 10/4/59.

1. Work of Districts

a. Level of mass work.

b. Party life.

2. Preparation for the 17th National Convention, by JAMES E. JACKSON.

a. Discussion of resolutions.

b. State conventions.

3. Next meeting.

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Concerning the first topic on the agenda, namely, the significance of the 21st Congress, CPSU, and the KHRUSHCHEV visit to the United States, it was brought out that several publications were available or would be available on these topics. These publications were a pamphlet by GEORGE MORRIS (no title reflected); a monthly publication entitled, "Northern Neighbor" published in Canada, concerning relations with the Soviet Union; and a new pamphlet, which will be out soon, selling for five cents per copy, containing KHRUSHCHEV's speeches made on his recent trip.

It was brought out that the 21st Congress, CPSU, signaled the first time in history that a time table was set forth for realizing the dream of mankind. In fifteen years the Soviet Union will have advanced to Communism. The seven year plan is the first phase in fulfilling all the prerequisites for this advance into Communism. In ten years the Soviet people will have exceeded the United States standard of living. The seven year plan calls for:

1. 15 million housing units per year in cities.
2. 7 million housing units per year in the country side.

This seven year plan is not just a plan on paper, but is being carried out at a fabulous rate.

The merger of industry, science and agriculture, making a complete form of automation, will provide the wealth and the wealth to provide the needs of the 7-year plan.

One quarter of the Soviet population is now in school on a full time basis, everyone is studying something. All taxes will be abolished, and the workday reduced to a 6 hour day, 5 day week.

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The big ideological struggle is "The Communist man of tomorrow must be molded today." After the revolution, the Communist Party took over the responsibility for children. This function was later taken over by trade unions and government, now the "Kommunal" (?) is responsible for young people.

The second point on the agenda, the significance of the KHRUSHCHEV visit to the United States, was the next topic of discussion.

It was brought out that the 21st Congress plans "shook up" the capitalist world. Until the 21st Congress there was still a confidence in capitalist circles that the armament burden would make it impossible for a real economic advance in the Soviet Union. The 21st Congress showed that both things could be done by the Soviet Union. This registered with some people and the more advanced capitalists began to draw certain conclusions.

Concerning the KHRUSHCHEV visit, the question of the domestic consequences of the thawing of the cold war will depend on what "class forces" influence the achievement of co-existence. If the ruling class alone takes part in the follow-up of the KHRUSHCHEV visit, the results for the country will be negative within the United States. If the working class takes part in the cold war thaw and has a voice in the follow-up, the savings received in disarmament will be used for the benefit of the people.

Several questions were asked and answered as follows:

With regard to trade with the Soviet Union, the Soviet Union is in favor of it but is not "hungry" for it. If disarmament is agreed upon, trade with the Soviet Union would take up some of the unemployment caused by the cut in armament production.

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Concerning the question of peace, it was brought out that if war can be averted for the next ten year period, then peace may become permanent. Currently, the unreasonable position of the war-mongers is becoming more broadly evident.

On the question of Soviet youth, it was stated that delinquency as it is known in the United States is unheard of in the Soviet Union. There are some youthful offenders, but their main characteristic is "purposefulness". There are also some deviations, such as the "soft generation" that did not know the revolutionary struggles of the Soviet Union and were rebuked by KHRUSHCHEV and KUUSINEN.

Concerning aid to other socialist countries, it was brought out that such aid represents 3% of the seven year development plan of the Soviet Union. In this regard, Guinea's first three year plan, after its independence, was financed by credits from Czechoslovakia. More or less simultaneously, all socialist countries will move into Communism at the end of fifteen years.

It was mentioned that women's organizations control some of the school dormitories and have a hand in the "Young Pioneers" and other children's groups. These women's organizations are responsible for the integration of women into political life. Women in the Soviet Union dominate medicine, education; there are a number of women lawyers and judges, but they are not numerous in top political posts.

With regard to the Jewish question, it was brought forth that there are still areas of debate and trial and error, but the main strategic line is toward integration.

Concerning the possible cold war thaw, it was mentioned that the perspective of the working class for participation in this thaw is for co-existence. The impact of the KHRUSHCHEV

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visit on the working class will be much different from that expressed at the AFL/CIO convention.

The discussion of the KHRUSHCHEV visit to the United States resulted with agreement that the significance of this visit is not known to the American people, however, one result of the visit is an increasing interest in the Soviet Union.

Following this discussion, PHIL BART stated that on foreign policy, the Southern Region has a better foreign policy than many places in the North.

BART further mentioned four items soon to be published of special interest:

1. KHRUSHCHEV's "book" - published at very low cost.
2. KHRUSHCHEV's U.N. speech in pamphlet form, to be published by International Publishers.
3. A popular pamphlet entitled, "Why CP"
4. "Worker" flyer - on subjects:
 - a. KHRUSHCHEV visit and peace.
 - b. A. PHILLIP RANDOLPH and Negro Rights.

BART indicated the latter three items would be available within the next three months.

Concerning Negro and Southern Affairs, the main point of discussion related around the style of work. It was brought out there is a combined commission in Negro and Southern work, the Negro being national in scope, the Southern segment being regional in character.

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The significance of JAMES E. JACKSON being selected to go to the Soviet Union (to attend 21st Congress, CPSU) and being identified with the South, shows the national recognition and importance of the South.

With regard to the accomplishments of the Southern Region, several items were enumerated:

1. A memo relative to a plan of work in Negro and Southern work was forwarded to all districts.
2. A memo on the ASBURY HOWARD case in Alabama was sent to the national press in the name of the Party and signed by EUGENE DENNIS and JAMES E. JACKSON. This was reprinted in part in the Negro press.
3. Negro commissions were established in major districts.
4. Lectures were given on the Negro question.
5. A resolution on theoretical aspects of the Negro question was prepared.
6. Organizational trips into the South were made by HOSEA HUDSON to Alabama, and by to Florida.
7. Influence was established in major events, such as the Yough March on Washington, Independent Voters Leagues, leading race relations conferences in the South, good relations were established with leading personalities.

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Concerning the style of work being followed, it was related that the character of the membership and necessary security precautions in the South makes it necessary for a

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leading person to have a legal reason to be in any one place at a given time. The solution is not in the separation of Southern and Negro work, but rather in the building of the Party organization in the South. In order to accomplish this it is necessary to work out clear objectives for work in the South and to formulate an organized contact between the Southern Regional Committee and individual people from the South. To put this Southern plan into effect, it is necessary to have a field organizer for the South and a functioning Southern Regional Committee. The outlook is that individual influence on mass leaders must be broadened.

JAMES E. JACKSON stated that the emphasis on the deficiencies in services to the Party organization, is true all over the Party organization nationally. The problem of inattention to the South is traditional in the Party rather than being something new.

It was brought out that the concept of Party organization, as set out in May, 1956, is still valid. Emphasis must be placed on personnel and a style of work to carry it out.

The primary duty of the field organizer for the Southern Region will be to give attention to the Party organization and its mass work. The Southern Regional Committee must be reconstituted and must meet regularly. Ex-southerners and other residents must be organized to do auxiliary work. These items will be presented to the National Executive Committee in the form of a recommendation.

On the question of preparations for the 17th National Convention, it was brought out that the basis for representation is that each state or district with 50 or less members will be allowed one delegate. Where there is no functioning organization, one fraternal delegate will be allowed. One alternate delegate will be allowed for every four regular delegates selected. It is anticipated there will be a smaller convention than in past years.

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The key questions to be answered at the convention will be to perfect and implement the Party's policy.

The main resolution for the convention was the next topic of discussion. It was mentioned there has been no change of approach, and there is no analysis on key questions in the resolution such as:

1. Status and role of the labor movement.
2. Electoral policy - not much different from 1952.
3. Further degeneration of trade union leadership.
4. Latin America - no difference in the approach toward Guatamalea, Cuba, etc.

[redacted] indicated he agreed with the line of the resolution. He stated there is little mention of socialism in the resolution; not sufficient analysis of U.S. imperialism and one is not conscious at whom the resolution is directed.

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SYLVIA HALL felt more explanation was needed of the role of the Republican and Democratic Parties. HALL asked if the Republican Party is representative of the most reactionary circles in the United States, how can one account for President EISENHOWER's actions regarding KHRUSHCHEV, while former President TRUMAN, a Democrat, attacks co-existence.

MARY KALB stated that the question of youth is not a routine matter and that the current situation among the youth of the United States is the worst indictment of the capitalistic system.

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HOSEA HUDSON indicated he felt that the resolution raises all of the problems but provides none of the answers. The resolution should include issues affecting the South, especially regarding tenant farmers and sharecroppers.

[redacted] felt the resolution reflected that the CP is isolated and therefore could not give any of the answers.

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It was brought out there is no observable united will for a nation-wide united front center, however, there are many separate and parallel developments in a progressive direction. It is the role of the Communist to help tie together and coordinate these currents, helping to direct them to a common goal.

The photographs of this notebook are being made an attachment to the New York copy of this letter.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-18673)

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SA JOSEPH V. WARREN

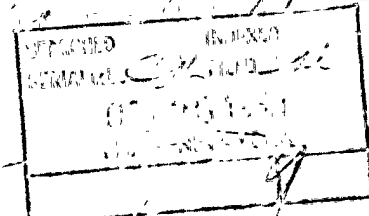
GEORGE WATT
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Identity of Informant	NY 2010-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Reliability	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	10/19/59

NY 2010-S* reported that on 10/19/59, GEORGE WATT contacted PHIL BART. GEORGE wanted to see PHIL and said Wednesdays he does not work late and gets off work at 6 o'clock. PHIL said he should be through by 6:30, if GEORGE will call then.

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SID TAYLOR
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On 10/10/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART had discussed a number of various items at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

CONNIE asked PHIL how his trip to Connecticut had been and if it was successful. PHIL answered that "you can't settle these problems in one quick visit". He said that SID TAYLOR is agreeable to everything and told him that if he is going to accept the party he will probably have to be in agreement and that there is no other way.

BART then mentioned BOB EIKENS, who he said has a "lot of legitimate beefs". He said that EIKENS is 51 years old and joined the CP 22 years ago, at which time he was employed as a sculptor. He said that he gave this up for the CP and claims that he has given the prime years of his life to the party. He said EIKENS is now trying to come back as a sculptor and is working at odd jobs and practising sculpturing on the weekends. He said that EIKENS told him that he wants to continue with the party but does not wish to give up his sculpturing.

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(1 - BOB EIKENS)
- (1) - NY (100-55579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
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SAC, NY (100-56579)

PHIL BART
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(Weekly summary 10/19-25/59)
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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject discussed with his wife, CONNIE, his recent trip to Massachusetts, and mentioned LOU JOHNSON, New England CP functionary, who he described as living in Sharon, Mass., and being very active. He told his wife that most of the membership in Boston is gradually moving out of the city and going to the suburbs.

BART then mentioned that while he was in Massachusetts, he had stayed with OTIS HOOD, another New England CP functionary. He said that HOOD has a daughter who is abnormal and is in an institution, but gets home on weekends. She said that she does very well for a person with her affliction.

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NY 2359-S* advised that the subject attended a meeting of the Resident NEC, of the CPUSA, held at CP Headquarters on that date. The meeting was mostly a discussion of the impending CP National Convention and included an outline of the schedule of business for the four-day convention. During the discussion, on the election of persons to the National Committee, BART commented that the method being proposed was "all wrong."

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife were visited by JIM TORMEY, Kings County CP Organizer, and that they discussed matters relating to the impending Kings County CP Convention to be held in November.

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Later in the evening, after **TORMEY** had left, the subject told his wife that **DICK CRILEY**, Chicago CP Functionary, had been in the National Office that day and that he had had a long talk with him. He said that **CRILEY** is only working part-time for the CP because at this time they cannot afford to pay him. He later discussed with his wife the fact that a great number of signatures had been obtained for the amnesty campaign for **HENRY WINSTON** and **GIL GREEN**. He commented that most of them were for **GREEN** and that they were very good signatures from a number of Rabbis and professional men in Chicago. He commented that these are very important when presented to a parole board.

NY 1749-S* advised that **EDNA WINSTON** had contacted the subject regarding money for an impending trip she intends to take to visit her husband, **HENRY WINSTON**, in jail. She told **BART** that she had been advised by the "Committee" that there were no funds left. **BART** advised her not to worry about this and that the CP would take care of it along with the "Christmas trip."

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed the "revisionist" problem in the CP along with the problem of left and right deviationists. The subject said that while he was in Boston recently, someone had asked him which was worse, the left or right deviationist? He said he had answered him by saying "Which is worse, to hang or to starve to death?" He said that both are bad for the Party. He said the person questioning him on this particular occasion was attempting to have him condone the left as being better than the right. Subject's wife commented that the left wing is a dangerous group and that at a recent meeting in Kings County, she had said this. Subject commented that in Kings County they think that to halt the left is to halt the CP.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject mentioned to his wife that **GEORGE WATT** and **NATALIE MEYERS** had sent their regards to her. He said that **WATT** is presently working in off-set printing and is doing fairly well. **BART** said that **MEYERS** is employed as an inspector in a machine shop and also doing very well.

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Subject then mentioned that the Eastland Committee had subpoenaed EUGENE DENNIS, IRVING POTASH, and JOE NORTH to a closed hearing to be held in Philadelphia. He said that the committee had been unable to find JOE NORTH and serve him with the subpoena.

The subject mentioned RUTH SHULMAN, receptionist at the National Office at CP Headquarters, and said that he had "blown his top" to EUGENE DENNIS about her that day. He said that she is using the office for factional purposes and is getting paid for it. BART said that DENNIS is in agreement with him on this. He then mentioned that RUTH had something to do with a resolution from Manhattan which was identical in wording to a letter received from BILL FOSTER. He commented that this group (left wing) are using a "sick old man." He said that he told DENNIS that if he is around after the convention, SHULMAN is going to be fired.

Subject then mentioned that at the coming National Convention there will be 100 delegates and about 175 people. He said that every National Committee member will not be a delegate although some will be alternates. He said that persons from various fields will be invited to the convention and persons like JIM ALLEN and HERB APTHEKER will probably be named as delegates.

The subject then mentioned SAM KUSHNER and commented that KUSHNER is "making a fight" for setting up a mid-west division (possibly "The Worker"). He said that KUSHNER claims since the CP will not move out to Chicago, they should at least set up something for the midwest.

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NY 1750-S* advised that subject and his wife discussed CP affairs in New Jersey and the subject said that PAT (TOOHEY) will definitely stay in New Jersey and that LOTTIE (GORDON), New Jersey CP Organizational Secretary, is coming to New York.

SAC, BALTIMORE (100-)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-12298)

BOB LEE
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On 9/27/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART had discussed a number of various items at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

The BARTs discussed the 2nd day's meeting of the Eastern Regional Conference of the CP, USA, which had been held that day. Both complained that JIM TORMEY had not attended on that day just because his wife, BETTY GANNETT, did not come. PHIL BART remarked that TORMEY would have been there if it had been a New York State Board meeting.

BART remarked that BOB LEE had spoken to him at the meeting about getting a speaker for an anniversary meeting to be held in Baltimore. He said that he told him that he would be able to get him a speaker.

The conversation then returned back to JIM TORMEY and PHIL remarked that it was expediency that brought TORMEY to the Brooklyn CP. His wife retorted that she did not like working with someone like TORMEY whom she knows socially.

2 - Baltimore (100-) (RM)
① - NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - NY (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - NY (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (416)
1 - NY (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (422)
1 - NY (100-117158) (DANNY RUBEL)
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SA HAROLD P. QUINN

ANDY REMES
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Identity of Informant NY 1749-S*
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Date 10/20/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 10/20/59,
(CONNIE BART) contacted ANDY (REMES) and told him
that PHIL (BART) called and told her to call (ANDY)
and say he is sorry he cannot see him tonight. ANDY
hoped they could get together soon.

① NY (100-56579) (415) (PHIL BART)
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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 10/27/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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Identity of Informant NY 1749-S*
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Date 10/13/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 10/13/59, (PHIL BART) contacted [redacted] and said he just got in and is going to be busy tonight and did not think he would be able to [redacted]. He agreed to call in the near future and get together.

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Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Reliability	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	10/18/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 10/18/59, [redacted] contacted CONNIE (BART) and asked what she has been doing. CONNIE said that she just got home a little while ago and that PHIL (BART) is out of town. CONNIE said that she is going to the airport at midnight tonight to pick up PHIL. CONNIE suggested that [redacted] (ANDY REMES) attend the SANE meeting next week. [redacted] said that she liked her job and CONNIE mentioned that she is looking for work now. She said that PHIL left town last Wednesday or Thursday. CONNIE told her about HARRY ANCHA (ph) who died and that she was with him just last Wednesday. She added that there will be no funeral for him and not many people will be there. [redacted] was surprised and said that she knew him in Brooklyn Heights for a number of years. [redacted] said that ANDY is now working at a place where they are doing work on the Tax forms. CONNIE said that she had a very successful meeting today and that things look good for the Convention. She said that she is hoping that things will take a turn for the better soon. [redacted] said that she has too much to do now and is not involved in anything. She said that she cannot find the time, especially if it evoked leg work or travelling.

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1-NY (100-14899) (ANDY REMES) (411)
 1-NY (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
 ①-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
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From: SA VINCENT E. MURPHY
Subject: CP, USA, N. J. District, Newark Division, Membership
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Date received: 10/14/59
Received from (name or symbol number): [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past.
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU UNLESS CAREFULLY AND PROPERLY PARAPHRASED.

2 - New York (RM)
(1 - [redacted])
(1 - 100-56579) (PHIL DART) b7D

4 - Newark
(1 - 100-35106) (LOTTIE GORDON)
(1 - 100-4284-B) (CP ORGANIZATION)
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PHIL BART of the National Office of the CP, USA privately made available a slip of paper on 10/8/59 to be given to LOTTIE GORDON, Organizational Secretary of the N. J. CP. This slip contained the N. J. State CP dues payments for an eleven-month period from October, 1958, to August, 1959 inclusive. This list indicated 1,021 dues payments (stamps) to the National Office of the CP, USA for this eleven-month period. It indicated a breakdown of 92 members in full standing with respect to dues. BART stated that in accordance with the formula devised for the National Convention, three official delegates will be permitted to attend from the N. J. District.

Informant pointed out that 1,021 dues payments or the equivalent of 92 full paid-up CP members could, in all probability, be a smattering of 100 to 200 members who paid partial dues. It does not necessarily indicate that only 92 members paid their full dues; hence, it cannot be determined the exact number of members who paid all or partial dues. This may be more than the 92 indicated but it is believed the amount would not be much above this figure. It is a good picture of the dues standing in the state; however, not known is the breakdown of these dues payments to indicate who and how many have made such payments.

LOTTIE GORDON is to make a report on this at the next State Board meeting.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C43) DATE: 10/29/59
 FROM: SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)
 SUBJECT: CP - KINGS COUNTY
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On 10/6/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART had discussed a number of various items at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

PHIL and CONNIE discussed CONNIE's visiting the Jefferson Book Shop on that date where she met JIM TORMEY. She said that TORMEY said that he had seen ALAN LAWS the previous night and that LAWS denied having any hand in the business at the ONDA funeral. He told TORMEY that the letter which was read from AL LANNON had been brought there by LANNON's son. She said that LAWS said there had been a meeting of the Bedford Stuyvesant Section the night before and that everyone agreed with their seeing nothing wrong with what happened at the funeral. She said that TORMEY was going to see ABE COTTON the following night and he will speak to him about the funeral.

- 1 - NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (422)
- 1 - NY (100-99369) (ALAN LAWS) (422)
- 1 - NY (100-6622) (ANDY ONDA) (422)
- 1 - NY (100-70482) (ABE COTTON) (422)
- 1 - NY (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (416)
- 1 - NY (100-129629) (BILL ALBERTSON) (416)
- 1 - NY (TERESA ONDI) (422)
- 1 - NY (100-84944) (GUS HALL) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-8057) (GENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1 - NY (100-135484) (AGNES WILLIS) (422)
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- 1 - NY (100-85936) (PEARL LAWS) (422)
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CONNIE continued saying that BEN DAVIS and BILL ALBERTSON are pressing for action against LAWS and all those involved at the funeral. She said that Thursday there is to be a meeting of the County Board and TORMEY is thinking of giving a report on the funeral. She said that she told TORMEY that it was her feeling that no one could be absolved in the whole matter. She said that she believed this also included TERESA ONDI.

PHIL stated that TERESA is definitely not innocent. CONNIE said that the trouble is you cannot do anything without proof. PHIL reiterated that he had proof and that he and GUS HALL and some others were in GENE DENNIS' office when BILL called TERESA. He continued that after all you cannot have a session on this and put everyone under oath.

CONNIE again mentioned that TORMEY was going to open up a matter at the County Board meeting Thursday. She said he was being more or less forced into it because if he did not bring it up, ALAN LAWS or someone else will. CONNIE then mentioned that TORMEY has some funny ideas about leadership. She said that he thinks there are more talented people in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of Kings County than anywhere else. CONNIE said that she would have to admit they are more articulate than most other people. She then mentioned AGNES (WILLIS) who visited them the other night. She said that she had hoped that she could have drawn her out the other night and to have her open up with some ideas. They then spoke about [redacted] and commented favorably about a report he had made at a conference.

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PHIL then started in on a long lecture saying that they should try to prevent the discussion of the ONDA funeral being brought up. He said that if it is it will take up the entire agenda and nothing will be accomplished and certainly AGNES [redacted] will not be convinced. She said that if it is a certain group will threaten to leave the meeting.

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CONNIE then mentioned that TORMEY is trying to set up a group of 35 people which he will use on various assignments including recontacting former CP members. PHIL commented that this had nothing to do with the ONDA funeral and that she should concentrate on a way of preventing a discussion on it. He said that if this matter is made an issue prior to the convention, it will do nothing but disrupt the CP. He said that if it is brought up at the convention nothing will be accomplished. He said they will wind up with TORMEY making a report and then LAWS making a report and finally everyone making their own report. CONNIE just commented saying that BEN DAVIS was putting a lot of pressure on TORMEY in this whole thing.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-78589)

10/30/59

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

EDNA WINSTON
SM-C

Identity of Informant NY 1749-S*
(Conceal and Paraphrase)

Reliability Who has furnished
reliable information
in the past

Date 10/14/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 10/14/59, EDNA (WINSTON) contacted CONNIE (BART) and they inquired as to each other's job. EDNA said she is going to see (HENRY WINSTON) in a week or so...and wants to speak to PHIL (BART) about the future (visits). CONNIE told her that PHIL is out of town and will be back the first of next week. She advised she would tell PHIL that EDNA called and have him get in touch with her.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579)

FROM: SA [Redacted]

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DATE: 10/30/59

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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The above captioned subject was observed entering and/or leaving 23 West 26th St., New York, New York.

NY 1726-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 4/21/57 that effective 4/15/57 the National and New York State offices of the Communist Party would occupy the premises at 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York.

NY 694-S* on 6/5/58 advised that the editorial staff of "The Worker" was to be moved into the building at 23 West 26th Street on 6/7,8/58.

NY 2002-S* on 6/20/58 verified the occupancy of the basement and first floor areas of building by the office staff of "The Worker", an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OBSERVED BY SAS</u>
10 /19/59	[Redacted]
10 /20 /59	[Redacted] WILLIAM J. BARRON
10 /21 /59	[Redacted] WILLIAM J. BARRON
10/22/59	[Redacted]
10/23/59	[Redacted]

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A log covering the above surveillances is being maintained in NY file 100-4931-Sub O.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - NY DISTRICT
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NY 694-S advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON on 10/30/59, that on said date he talked to PHIL BART, CP, USA organizational secretary, who told the informant the following:

With reference to the recent robbery at CP headquarters, the amount of money taken from the safe was \$1100.00, half of which belonged to the National Office and half to the NY State CP. Slightly less than \$300.00 of [redacted]

[redacted] In addition to the \$1100.00 stolen, there was a package of \$3,000.00 in the safe which the robbers missed. The Party leadership is keeping the details of the robbery, particularly with respect to the amount of money involved, a secret. (The informant pointed out that any disclosure of the details furnished by BART would result in the exposure of the informant).

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As a result of the robbery, the lock on the front door of CP headquarters is being changed, and only six persons, four from the NY State CP and two from the National Office, will be given keys. BART also noted that the robbers had used a jimmy to open the door at headquarters.

- 4 - Bureau (100-3) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-3-63) (CP, USA - FUNDS)
- 1 - New York (100-128314) (CP, USA - FUNDS - NY DISTRICT) (416)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (134-91) (INV.) (415)
- 1 - New York [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-26603) (416)

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Meeting of [Redacted] of CP

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- 1 - 100- [Redacted]
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lcc-Cleveland (RM)

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lcc-New York (RM)

- 1 - 100- (Phil Bart)

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- 1 - [Redacted]
- 1 - [Redacted]
- 1 - [Redacted]
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1 - 100-8745 (CP Strategy in Industry)

1 - 100-11138 (CP Factionalism)

1 - 100-11206 (CP Political Activities)

1 - [Redacted]

1 - 100-8236 (CP Funds)

1 - 100-3474V (CP Membership)

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- 1 - [Redacted]
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1 - 100-8300 (CP Publications)

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On [redacted] a meeting of the [redacted]
of the Communist Party (CP) was held at [redacted]
of [redacted]
Present at this meeting were the following individuals:



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The agenda decided upon by the State Committee was to hold a preliminary discussion of the Draft Resolution issued by the National Committee of the CP - USA, which Resolution was being discussed by all Party clubs in districts prior to the National Convention of the CP.

The preface to the Resolution was read by [redacted] and a discussion was held on the preface. A section of the Resolution on peace was also read by [redacted] which was again followed by discussion. The section on trade unions of the Draft Resolution was read by [redacted] and discussion was again held.

It appeared that those members of the Indiana State Committee present objected to various parts of the Draft Resolution. These objections and criticisms as raised by the various members of the Indiana State Committee are set forth below:

1. The Resolution failed to raise the question of the labor movement's reliance on the Democratic Party.
2. The Resolution failed to criticize the role of labor leadership in a struggle for peace.
3. The Resolution failed to note the war preparations currently being made by the ruling class.
4. It failed to analyze the different sections of the Bourgeois.
5. The Resolution failed to explain how the workers can fight for peace.

6. It failed to note the split in labor leadership and to analyze the split,
7. The Resolution did not go into the attitude of the workers and what was needed to spur the workers on to struggle.
8. It failed to explain class collaboration of labor leadership.
9. The Resolution did not explain the program to build and unite Left and Liberal forces.
10. It did not place enough emphasis upon the need for struggle against the Taft-Hartley Law and other antilabor and anticommunist laws.

After considerable criticism and discussion of the Draft Resolution, the State Committee decided at this point to continue discussion at the next meeting of the State Committee. The State Committee then held a discussion on CP organization in Indiana. [redacted] reported that he had spoken before 18 Negro people [redacted] in [redacted]. He stated that many of these people were from the shops and liked what they heard and desired more information. [redacted] pointed out that 20 people had been invited and of these 20, 18 had actually appeared.

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[redacted] reported that CP dues should be sent to the National Office of the Party by 10/59. [redacted] that he had sent in 300 dues payments and had money enough for 100 more. [redacted] stated that there was to be a two month dues assessment for the national convention of the Party. [redacted] that he would also send this money in. [redacted] out that for the national convention of the Party, each state or district would have at least one delegate and one additional delegate for those members over 100. In other words, each state would have one delegate to the national convention and one additional delegate for each 100 members in excess of the first 100. The State Committee was in disagreement with this plan of representation at the national convention.

[redacted] mimeographed letter dated 8-7-59, which is addressed to all clubs and signed by Phil Bart, National Organizational Secretary. This mimeographed letter contained a referendum on Article V, Section V, of the Constitution of the CP - USA, which deals with the election of a National Committee. This article specifies that each state and district organization hold a convention in advance of the National Convention and shall elect members of the National Committee in a number determined in accordance with the scale of representation determined by the previous National Convention. The referendum stated that

Section V of Article V of the Constitution of the CP - USA, should be deleted and a substitute adopted at the next National Convention.

The date for the next meeting of the [redacted] of the CP was set for [redacted]. The date of the [redacted] next [redacted] of the CP was set for [redacted]. The next [redacted] meeting in all probability will be held [redacted] of the [redacted] Convention. [redacted] that the [redacted] Convention would be held, very possibly, [redacted] Indiana.

[redacted] that he had discussed with Illinois Party members their open meeting of the CP - USA which would be held 9-26-59, at the Midwest Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. The Illinois people had agreed to send down 10 tickets to this meeting at \$1 per ticket for the South Bend and Elkhart groups. [redacted] that he expected to get 20 people from Indiana to this meeting. [redacted] announced that there would be a meeting for CP functionaries to be held [redacted] which would be a meeting of the [redacted] District. [redacted] that they would attend this meeting. The meeting will be held prior to the open meeting on [redacted] and will also be held on [redacted] is scheduled to speak at the [redacted] meeting.

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[redacted] that [redacted] a member of the [redacted] of the CP, had not attended the meeting inasmuch as she was moving to Chicago, Illinois, to live with her sister, name not mentioned. [redacted] gave a copy of the above-mentioned National Resolution to Boorda and a copy of the Draft Resolution of Negro Question in the United States [redacted] other literature.

[redacted] that he had tried to get [redacted] to attend the [redacted] Meeting, but [redacted] had not appeared. [redacted] indicated that he would discuss this matter [redacted] at a later date. [redacted] reported that [redacted] Party member [redacted] Indiana, had received a visit from FBI Agents. [redacted] had later mentioned this to [redacted] was unhappy with [redacted] inasmuch as he noted that [redacted] in discussing CP members with various individuals in [redacted] would mention [redacted] that he was going to write something

on the first section of the above-mentioned draft resolution and have it ready by [redacted] so that the [redacted] could take action on it and present it to the State Convention when held in October. If approved by the State Convention [redacted] would send it to the National Resolutions Committee of the CP, USA.

[redacted] in discussing his trip to [redacted] to speak before the group of people [redacted] stated he had taken [redacted] a member of the National Committee of the CP-USA, and [redacted] before the group. [redacted]

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[redacted] is a resident of Chicago, Illinois, as is [redacted]

The [redacted] meeting broke up at about 5:30 p.m.

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2 - Chicago (RM)
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42 - New York (RM)
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 1 - 100- **[Redacted]**

19 - Indianapolis
 1 - 100-11093 (CP Organization, Ind. Dist.)
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[redacted] a meeting of the Communist Party was held at [redacted] Indiana. The following individuals were present at this meeting:



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[redacted] especially to the meeting and [redacted] told him that he had been working on nights for a long time and had been unable to attend any meetings. [redacted] commented that for some reason the other party could not make the meeting and he undoubtedly was referring to [redacted]. After the meeting started [redacted] that it had been a long time since the group had gotten together, in fact it had been last May that the meeting had been held. He stated that he would like to get everybody up to date on Communist Party dues inasmuch as everybody was behind except [redacted] who was paid up to date. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was paid to April, [redacted] to May, [redacted] through May, [redacted] through June, and [redacted] any Communist Party dues for many many months. [redacted] that he should give him whatever he could since he had been out of work and he would mark [redacted] as being paid up to date on his dues. [redacted] a \$1.50 which brought him up to date. [redacted] paid \$2.00, [redacted] \$2.00, [redacted] \$3.00, and [redacted] \$3.00, in Communist Party dues. This money was paid to [redacted]

[redacted] stated that of the dues money collected half stays in South Bend for Communist Party work in the city. He pointed out that this money was used to send out copies of the "Workers' Advance" and was used to purchase stamps, paper and stencils.

[redacted] then brought out the August, 1959, issues of "Political Affairs". Everyone purchased a copy. [redacted] then stated that he had been able to buy some copies of "Democracy in the Soviet Union" at [redacted] and that [redacted] this way the Party would be able to make some money. [redacted] anybody [redacted] took a copy of this pamphlet.

[redacted] the steel strike. [redacted] stated that some of the workers in the steel industry were making as much as \$4.00 an hour and that the lowest paid received about \$2.40. [redacted] how the new labor bill was going to effect the workers and the Communist Party. He said that the new law has both good points and bad points just as the Taft-Hartley law had. [redacted] pointed out that the Taft-Hartley law protected the Union member regardless of his political beliefs and because of this he had been able to keep in his employment at the [redacted]. He said that otherwise he would have been fired long ago by the company.

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[redacted] at the US Rubber Company where [redacted] [redacted] about the situation at the Studebaker-Packard Corporation, [redacted] at the Oliver Corporation, [redacted]

[redacted] then stated that he had received a letter from Phil Bart, the chairman of the Communist Party, that every state organization should send a delegate to the National Convention so that certain changes could be in the Communist Party Constitution. These changes might possibly put the State of Indiana in with the State of Illinois in so far as Communist Party organization was concerned. [redacted] that he did not like this idea inasmuch as if Indiana should belong to Illinois he would not be entitled to any representation on the National Committee. [redacted] pointed out that the Party leadership for the most part was middle class people and that they had no

information concerning what was going on in the shops. Because of this they often handed out orders that were not kept with what the working man wanted. [redacted] and he and [redacted] had a hard time convincing [redacted] the [redacted] see the situation in their style but that they had firmly convinced him. He said that he would hate to see [redacted] leave Indiana inasmuch as [redacted] was the representative on the National Committee from Indiana.

[redacted] commented that this must be [redacted] idea because [redacted] had never done a days work in his life. [redacted] was not any better than the rest of them. [redacted] said that the Party in Indiana wanted representation from the working class on the National Committee and that the Party in Indiana had done better than any other small group except in California. [redacted] pointed out that the Party in South Bend had started the "Workers' Advance" and that several other districts were following the example of South Bend in this regard.

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[redacted] then put some pamphlets down on the paper and told those present to help themselves inasmuch as it was all free. One of these pamphlets was "Your State in the Steel Strike" and the other was "Why the Shorter Work Week". [redacted] took six copies of each and stated that he was going to mail some of these out to his contacts. [redacted] that he would like to have some more "Workers" so that he could mail them out and [redacted] said that he did not receive anymore bundle orders. He stated that he did not know the reason why they were not being received.

[redacted] that there was going to be a celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Communist Party held [redacted] in Chicago, Illinois, at the Mid-West Hotel. [redacted] displayed the card that [redacted] had obtained concerning this celebration. [redacted] asked [redacted] if the Party in South Bend was supposed to have obtained some of these tickets for the celebration

[redacted] of the CP in Indiana, was supposed to [redacted] to [redacted] stated that he would like to have as many people as possible attend this celebration and that there would be bus car loads of people going to Chicago. Bennett stated that this was not a Communist Party meeting but just a celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Party. He stated that everybody was welcome and that this meeting was open to the public. [redacted] where he had obtained these tickets and [redacted] that he had been at a picnic at Chicago, Illinois, on 8/30/59, and had obtained the tickets at that time. [redacted] said that in the future if [redacted] like this coming up he should let [redacted] about it.

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[redacted] said that Khrushchev was coming to the United States the next week and he felt that the Party in South Bend should send out some literature to let the people know just what Khrushchev's program was and why he was coming to the United States.

[redacted] stated that the men's group ought to have a meeting within the next two weeks to see just what the Press was going to say about Khrushchev. [redacted] said that each member of the Party was going to be assessed \$1.00 a month or \$12.00 a year to help pay "The Worker" bill. The meeting was over at about 10:05 PM.

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Date: 10/29/59

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Via AIRTEL _____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)
SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE THE VERY NATURE OF THIS INFORMATION TENDS TO IDENTIFY A HIGHLY PLACED SENSITIVE INFORMANT.

On 10/27/59, NY 2359-S* advised that on above date the regularly scheduled meeting of the resident NEC, CP, USA was held in the third floor board room, CP Headquarters, NYC. Those in attendance were EUGENE DENNIS, JAMES JACKSON, HY LUMER, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR., JACK STACHEL, PHIL BART, an individual believed to be CLARENCE HATHAWAY, JIM ALLEN and HERBERT APTHEKER.

EUGENE DENNIS acted as chairman of the meeting. The first point discussed was an informational report by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN concerning the New York State staff

- 4 - Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
(1-100-3-81) (CP, USA INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
- 2 - Minneapolis (Info) (RM)
(1-100-) (CLARENCE HATHAWAY)
- 1 - New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS, JR.) (416)
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- 1 - New York (100-128814) (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION - NYD) (416)
- 1 - New York (100-86624) (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-80532) (HERBERT APTHEKER) (415)
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meeting held Monday, 10/26/59, regarding the charges brought by JIM TORMEY and BILL ALBERTSON to the NEC regarding New York State leadership. FLYNN stated that it was agreed that the charges brought by TORMEY and ALBERTSON would be retracted and that no intervention would be made into New York State leadership by the NEC. FLYNN recommended that the NEC should let the New York State work out its own problems.

PHIL BART next suggested that before the finalization of next week's NEC agenda, they should add the question of the events in Cuba. Informant advised that there was no apparent objection to this suggestion.

HY LUMER then read some changes recommended by a subcommittee for the article which would appear in "The Worker" on foreign policy. LUMER pointed out that there had been a change in American foreign policy towards one of peace and peaceful coexistence and that "they" should struggle to "maintain this shift". It was agreed that the article would cover one full page in the paper. An individual believed to be CLARENCE HATHAWAY suggested that the opening sentence should be "The struggle for peace must go on".

A discussion then followed concerning the main topics to be covered in pre-convention discussion. JAMES JACKSON suggested that these topics should be:

1. convention organization.
2. trade union resolution.
3. leadership.
4. principles of Party program.
5. Party organization.

BEN DAVIS interrupted to recommend that the question of the 1960 election should also be included.

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HERBERT APTHEKER then reported on his recent trip to Europe. He stated that one thing that impressed him very much was the splendid work of our comrades in the German Democratic Republic.(GDR). APTHEKER referred to recent articles in the bourgeois press having a different tone and he felt that this was a part of a growing tendency to come to terms with the existence of the GDR. He said that all of the people's democracies have multi-party governments and that in the GDR there are five functioning political parties, each of these parties have about 200,000 members.

APTHEKER commented that the Foreign Minister of the GDR is not a Communist but is a member of the Liberal Party and has a long anti-Nazi record. He pointed out that the GDR is the only formerly imperialist power that is now socialist. He said that the standard of living is rising and that the re-education of the people, according to the comrades with whom he spoke, is progressing well. He said the government is very consciously anti-Nazi in its whole educational policy.

Continuing, APTHEKER remarked that in Hungary he was pleasantly surprised at how good conditions were and how well they had recovered. He said the comrades in Hungary are young and there is a large woman's cadre. He said that he discussed with them privately questions of socialist legality and of assuring the non-reoccurrence of the scandals which occurred under RAJK (ph). (It is believed APTHEKER is referring to LASZLO RAJK, former Foreign Minister of Hungary, who was hanged in 1949 for espionage and Titoism.) He said the Party there is very conscious of this and that practically the whole central committee suffered under RAJK (ph) and that almost all of the central committee were jailed under him. He said that the members of the RAJK government who are still there are holding positions now of a subordinate nature. He noted that the Party there (Hungary) placed in its constitution a statement that anyone guilty of suppressing criticism is guilty of a crime.

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APTHEKER also commented that Czechoslovakia was "a gem of socialist progress". He said there were young Communists in important positions and that its greatest problem is space. APTHEKER expressed his view that the standard of living there was as high as in any place in the world. APTHEKER also mentioned that during his three week stay in the Soviet Union, he was impressed by the absence of police and that while he was there he had addressed the "Academy of Science". In answer to questions concerning problems still existing in the GDR, APTHEKER singled out the following factors:

1. Considerable sections of the GDR are not socialized.
2. Considerable groups of professionals and intellectuals exist who are not Marxists.
3. The presence of a well organized religious groups.

He recommended that anybody visiting Europe should visit the GDR and thought that a series of articles on the GDR should appear in "The Worker". He also noted that he intends to make a full scale analysis of his trip in "Political Affairs".

JACK STACHEL suggested that any articles should point out the necessity for a strong GDR in the event of another world war. He felt there should be some tangible support from the Party in the US to the GDR comrades, perhaps in the form of a mass meeting.

JAMES JACKSON then called for a discussion on the feasibility of setting forth a statement of essential Party principles concerning the Party program. HY LUMER introduced JIM ALLEN as Chairman of the Program Committee and called upon him to give his views.

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JIM ALLEN felt that the Party was not ready to discuss such a program and that the matter should be presented to the Program Commission. Then BEN DAVIS, JR. stated that he was not in favor of a declaration of principles, saying that "we" would be letting the Party down if we go to the convention with just principles. HY LUMER then explained that the idea of a statement of principles would not be a substitute for a Party program but rather an addition to the program. He said that as of now we have no draft of a Party program and no time in which to prepare one and that a statement of principles would be something to start with and possibly the foundation for the construction of a Party program.

JAMES JACKSON was of the opinion that they were not prepared to present a program of the Party to the convention but that there is a need for a substitute for a program. He said there was a need for a definition of purpose in order to show how the Party is proceeding. JIM ALLEN then recommended that the National Committee should appoint a committee of three or four who would be required to write a Party program of approximately 1,000 words and that no excuses would be accepted for failure to complete it in the time allotted.

EUGENE DENNIS indicated that there should be a declaration of principles. He suggested a small committee of non-NEC members be formed to write a declaration of principles prior to the convention. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN suggested JIM ALLEN for this assignment. Meeting adjourned.

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MARCEL SCHERER
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Identity of Informant NY 1749-S*
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Reliability Who has furnished
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Date 10/21/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 10/21/59, PHIL (BART) contacted (MARCEL and LEONA SCHERER). PHIL said he understood that MARCEL has been quite busy. MARCEL said a little bit, and asked if things are getting any better. PHIL stated he thought so. MARCEL said "we" have been disturbed about contacts between people. PHIL said he heard the story - it takes time. MARCEL said so many people talk about it. PHIL said there is no guarantee that some of this stuff does not get to the top, but "we" are trying to..then of course there are some good things in some other areas which helps a lot.

MARCEL said "we" are planning to go to the meeting Sunday night (10/25/59). PHIL stated, so are we. MARCEL remarked that it should be interesting and said the Distributers Union took 200 tickets. PHIL said that was good - they are on the board of that organization. PHIL then spoke to LEONA - they said they will arrange to go together Sunday. CONNIE can meet the SCHERERS and then they can pick PHIL up. PHIL remarked that Brooklyn had an excellent meeting. LEONA asked why there isn't any discussion material. PHIL stated the first one is coming out, and said that the discussion does not reflect what is happening. Good things are taking place all over .. experiences (too).. GUS was just in from

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the West Coast..he is going back..real good experience..
in Northern California. LEONA said, everywhere but
here. PHIL stated he would tell her about it when he saw
her. LEONA then spoke to CONNIE. They will arrange to
meet Sunday. CONNIE will call her in the morning.

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EDNA WINSTON
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Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
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Date	10/21/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 10/21/59, EDNA (WINSTON) contacted PHIL (BART) and asked about his trip. PHIL said he got back Monday and was going to call her later. EDNA said that she spoke to ROSE BARON and ROSE said there is nothing left. PHIL said, "we" are going to take care of it. EDNA said she is okay for October (trip). PHIL said, "we" are aware of it and will make sure you do not miss the Christmas trip. He told her that "they" are meeting on this tomorrow. EDNA asked about the convention. PHIL told her it will be December 10-13, 1959.

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CHARLES COE
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Identity of Informant NY 1749-S*
(Conceal and paraphrase)

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Date 10/22/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 10/22/59, (PHIL BART) contacted (CHARLES COE) and told him he had been out of town - in New England for 5 days. PHIL said he just returned Monday - has had a couple of days of meetings, but will try to get on this other thing soon. COE asked if anything had been done on what PHIL had said - on setting up a committee. PHIL explained that tomorrow will be his first day in the office - he wants to see COE soon and get started (on setting up a committee) so it does not stall. COE said he is on his way to the printer's now and wants to catch (printer before he gets away). PHIL asked if COE saw PAT (PATTERSON?) before "he" got away. COE said yes, just briefly, between trains - he stopped off to say hello - he didn't look so hot; said I didn't go down and talk to him, but ROSE had coffee with him. PHIL explained that he had not seen PAT because PHIL just got in at 2:00 a.m. that day and had to get up at 6:00 a.m. to catch his train. ROSE told PHIL that (PAT) had been detained - was waiting in some other city for that woman - who had trouble getting a (baby?) sitter; but he said he was sorry he did not get to see (PHIL), but it was all due to this negotiating with this woman for a sitter.

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TOM FITZPATRICK
SM-C

Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Reliability	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	10/7/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 10/7/59, PHIL BART contacted TOM (FITZPATRICK). PHIL said he has not spoken to TOM in a long time and remarked that he is preparing for the convention and has not seen TOM since last summer. TOM said that his wife is expecting another child, and he has to do something soon (financially). TOM advised he is going to sell Mutual Funds part-time with the Wellington Fund and asked PHIL to let him know of anyone who may be interested. He told PHIL that he has not seen any of the guys as his wife goes to school and it ties him down. TOM stated he heard about (ANDY) ONDA and felt real bad. They then discussed KHRUSHCHEV's visit --what a wonderful thing. PHIL said that TOM will be glad to hear that the warmest reception was in Pittsburgh. TOM said that it was the basic workers.. they are okay when they get away from the Boy Scouts. PHIL told TOM to get a copy of the (next) "Worker", it is going to have the story of (KHRUSHCHEV'S) visit with the labor leaders - the other side of the story - written by JOE NORTH. TOM said he does not get it delivered any more and will get one at the newsstand.

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On 10/2/59 the funeral for TIM ADAMS was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Approximately 150 people were present, mainly from the Philadelphia and Camden areas. This included some Party people, friends, neighbors, etc. (It appeared JOHN NORMAN, who was present, made a point of mobilizing the right wing or MARTHA STONE crowd.) Present of this group were MANNY CANTOR, LOU MALINOW, JOHN NORMAN, MARTHA STONE and JULES ZINMAN. All of these individuals have left the CP with the exception of CANTOR. MALINOW and STONE made a particular point of avoiding the present N.J. CP leadership. They appeared to make the most of the occasion in renewing old friendships and associations. They had their notebooks out and took down names and addresses.

SID STEIN had been at the funeral home earlier in the day but did not return to the ADAMS residence after the funeral.

Also present at the funeral were LOTTIE GORDON, LEW MOROZE and JACOB OSTERWEIL. PHIL BART and ERIC BERT from the National Office of the CP, USA sent telegrams to the family. MARY ADAMS TAYLOR from Newark, N. J., also sent a telegram to the family.

There were expectations that NORMAN would be one of the funeral speakers. He had informed GORDON that he was expected to make a eulogy. However, the widow and oldest son, BILL ADAMS, were in complete and total charge of the arrangements for the funeral and the ceremony. They had some differences as to the type of ceremony which should be held. Mrs. ADAMS, being a religious and church-going woman, and not knowing too much about the CP or the so-called working class movement, viewed it as a funeral should be viewed; that is with a minister, religious program, hymns and the reading of what they call an obituary, a biography of the deceased. BILL ADAMS apparently argued that most of TIM ADAMS' friends were radical people and union people and hence it would be only right and proper that those people be represented because this was the life ADAMS led. Apparently they compromised on the type of ceremony because what actually took place was half of one and half of the other. It was mostly a religious type ceremony with a minister, hymns and a choir with the minister interjecting with scriptural

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reading every now and then. Added to this were two speakers which the family had chosen themselves, PAT TOOHEY, Chairman of the N. J. CP, representing the white radical friends of the deceased, and TOM NABRIED, Chairman of the Party in Eastern Pennsylvania, representing the Negro radical friends.

Observed in attendance were TOM NABRIED and his wife; FRANCES GABOW and STERLING ROCHESTER, all from Philadelphia; and CHAPPY (formerly with RCA and a former Party member in N. J.); ALEX (Last Name Unknown, who is a husky white male with light hair and approximately 35 years of age); and GEORGE FISHMAN and his wife, EDITH.

GEORGE FISHMAN privately advised that NORMAN had gotten in touch with the Party group in the Camden, N. J. area and they had scheduled a CP meeting for 10/9/59. Furthermore, that NORMAN stated he would attend this meeting. FISHMAN stated they do not seem to be able to get together in Camden and have not met for a long time. He stated they will try to take steps to have another CP meeting at a later date wherein PAT TOOHEY, State Chairman of the N. J. CP, would be invited.

GEORGE FISHMAN also privately stated that the Party comrades in the Camden area have the feeling that NORMAN is not working with the state leadership. TOOHEY was heard to state privately that the FISHMANS' evaluation and impression of this is correct. NORMAN is not cooperating with the leadership. He has not really worked since MARTHA STONE left the CP. He was with MARTHA STONE up until the time she left the CP and as far as they have seen, he has not changed his mind. NORMAN has felt obliged to "free lance" in the Party which action is not permissible in the Party. TOOHEY stated that even though a meeting of the Camden Branch of the CP was to be held on 10/9/59, the State leadership had heard nothing about this nor would they hear what took place at the meeting.

FISHMAN indicated that NORMAN has not come out openly about what has gone on in the State leadership, but his attitude and comments were such that the Camden Branch has obtained the impression that NORMAN was not working with the State leadership and was not part of it.

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During the funeral ceremony, PAT TOOHEY, State Chairman of the N.J. CP, gave a brief eulogy. In substance, TOOHEY's talk was along the line that TIM ADAMS was devoted and loyal to the end. He was so firm in his convictions and ideals he did not run for cover or hide when clouds came but stuck to his convictions and ideals even in the light of "sweet words" made to him to have him change his course. His knees did not buckle in the face of troubled times. TOOHEY went on in this respect.

(It appeared that TOOHEY was making a subtle criticism of the right wing members who were present at the ceremony.)

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) (415)
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On 11/2/59, NY 694-S* advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON that on that date he conferred with PHIL BART, CP, USA Organizational Secretary, who told him the following:

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A serious problem will arise at the National Convention with respect to showing whence money was obtained to pay "the overwhelming expenses" of the Party during the past year. Dues collected, amounting to approximately \$50,000.00 for the year, and donations, which were negligible, do not begin to approximate the money spent by the Party during the past year. (NY 694-S* notes that BART is not aware that the Party has been supported partially by funds described in the case entitled "SOLO - IS-C." All BART knows, according to the informant, is that DENNIS periodically makes sums of money available to him, but does not disclose the source of such funds.)

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER recently has been demanding that there be a larger delegation to the National Convention, and has sent a statement to the National Office requesting that 125 delegates be invited. FOSTER does not realize that, based on membership figures, such a number of delegates is "impossible." He further fails to understand that in its present financial situation, the Party could not afford to bring so many delegates to the convention.

FOSTER argues that the delegation to the convention should be "of proletarian character." Such is impossible for several reasons: The "best people" cannot attend either because they are people in "strategic positions," who cannot afford "to expose" themselves by attending, or because they are people who would suffer financially if they should take time off from their jobs to attend the convention.

BART would like to see a top CP leadership, including DENNIS, HALL and BEN DAVIS. Such a leadership would not create any serious "flare-up," and the Party would be able to proceed with serious work. DAVIS is ambitious to become chairman of the Party, but his chances of success are slim since his main political strength is restricted to Manhattan County and the Industrial Division. To fight DAVIS is not simple: When he is at the CP National Office, he seems to have no differences with anybody, and

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agrees with everybody. As soon, however, as he enters NY State CP headquarters, he just raises hell."

The Party would like to get rid of JACK SCHULMAN and his wife, both of whom are "trouble-makers." The Party plans to fire SCHULMAN's wife after the convention. In her role of book-keeper at CP headquarters, with all kinds of records available to her, she is able to "leak" information to SCHULMAN and to FOSTER. SCHULMAN retains his job principally because the Party cannot find a substitute for him as "secretary" to FOSTER.

Everything SCHULMAN hears from FOSTER, he tells to his cronies in the Party. When he became aware of FOSTER's preparing a letter to the National Office, demanding more delegates to the convention, SCHULMAN had his wife draw up a resolution demanding more delegates. When FOSTER's letter arrived at the National Office, it was discovered that the wording of the SCHULMAN resolution was almost identical with that in the FOSTER letter.

FOSTER has been demanding that BART give him the national membership figures, but so far BART has succeeded in not giving FOSTER the desired figures.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (64-200-48)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-6562)(413)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO
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On 11/4/59, NY 694-S* advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON that according to PHIL BART, CPUSA Organizational Secretary, the House Committee on Un-American Activities has subpoenaed 100 people from Puerto Rico and a number of "local people" to testify regarding CP activity in Puerto Rico. BART did not state when the subpoenas were returnable.

BART further stated that the CPUSA is seriously considering challenging the Committee publicly with respect to the Committee's jurisdiction in this investigation. The Party will accuse the Committee of "infringing on the independence of a people." The Party will base its argument on the contention that "inasmuch as Puerto Rico is not a state - or even a commonwealth - the Committee has no jurisdiction."

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PHIL BART
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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife CONNIE had discussed CP affairs, and the subject noted that they had scheduled a meeting of the CP Resident Committee for the following day, but that he did not believe anything would be solved at the meeting.

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NY 2359-S* advised that the subject was in attendance at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Resident NEC of the CP, USA, which was held on that date at CP Headquarters, New York City.

During a portion of the above-described meeting the subject suggested that before they finalize the following week's agenda they should add to it the question of recent events in Cuba. The source advised that there was no apparent objection to this suggestion. The source further related that most of the meeting was taken up with a report by HERBERT APTHEKER, Editor of "Political Affairs", relating events which took place during his recent trip behind the Iron Curtain.

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NY 1750-S* advised that JIM TORMEY, Kings County CP Organizer, had visited the subject's apartment and that he had discussed with the subject's wife Kings County CP Organizational affairs. Later when TORMEY was leaving he told the subject and his wife, that his wife, BETTY GANNETT, New York State CP functionary, has been feeling worse of late and that he feels her health is on the "downgrade".

The subject later told his wife that during the NEC meeting, held at CP Headquarters that day, HERBERT APTHEKER had given a very interesting report. He said that APTHEKER reported that he had found a very high regard for the CP, USA, in all of the countries he visited. He stated that APTHEKER was very impressed with the East German Republic. He also related that APTHEKER had told him that while in East Germany, he had seen EISLER (GERHART) who he described as "head of radio and communications". NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted GEORGE WATT, former right-wing CP functionary, who has left the CP, and they discussed the finances surrounding WATT'S bail fund and the return of that money to its proper owners. From the conversation it appeared that there was some discrepancy regarding some of the money, and that it was finally agreed that WATT'S wife MARGIE and ARNOLD JOHNSON would straighten out the matter.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject went into a long tirade with his wife on how much he hated RUTH SHULMAN, Bookkeeper, at the CP National Office. He related to her that SHULMAN purposely goes out of her way to irritate him at the office.

The subject also related that PAT TOOHEY had visited CP Headquarters, on that date, and told him that DAVE GORDON, LOTTIE GORDON'S husband, was making a report that night at a meeting of the New

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Jersey State CP Board, criticizing the Negro Resolution. He related that in addition to this LOTTIE GORDON was causing a lot of trouble for the CP in New Jersey, as she and her mother, own an apartment house where they are evidently attempting to raise the rent. He said that the tenants in the apartment have evidently appealed to the Tenants Council and everyone is upset about the whole affair. He later told his wife that he would go over to New Jersey, on Saturday afternoon to visit TOOHEY and discuss some business with him.

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted EDNA WINSTON and advised her that he had received a message from JOHN ABT regarding the death of HENRY WINSTON'S father. He said that the Parole Officer for WINSTON said they would be willing to let him go to the funeral in Kansas City, but he would need \$300 for the expenses. BART said that he had wired them the \$300 immediately. EDNA WINSTON said that she had heard from her husband's mother on that day who asked her for money. She said that she had contacted ROSE BARRON, Chairman of the Amnesty Campaign, to see if they had enough money left. The subject said that the money would be furnished and that she did not have to worry, and that arrangements would be made for her to go to the funeral if she wanted. WINSTON replied that when she found out definitely the day of the funeral she would contact the subject and JOHN ABT.

The source advised that EDNA WINSTON later contacted the subject and told him that the Parole Officer had called and given them the information about the funeral. The subject expressed surprise on how quickly the whole affair had been handled especially the fact that they had granted HENRY WINSTON S request to attend the funeral almost immediately.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed with JIM TORMEY the replacing of ALAN LAWS in the Brooklyn CP [redacted] TORMEY said that LAWS has not been replaced yet as he is still out of town. The three then discussed the contributions of ANDY ONDA to the CP before his death and the disregard on the part of the national leadership for his welfare. TORMEY related that ONDA'S widow THERESA does not wish to receive any further money from the CP, USA.

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NY 1749-S* advised that WILLIAM PATTERSON, Editor of "The Worker", had contacted CONNIE BART in an attempt to speak to the subject. He said that the reason he was calling was that there was a new lock on the door of CP Headquarters and he wanted to find out who had the key.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed the recent news releases by the Russians which were attempting to discredit WALTER REUTHER. The subject said that in this instance the Russians were acting stupidly, and that they were hurting the Left-Wing and Liberals in this country by the "expose".

The subject then told his wife that a lot of the CP leadership must start to realize that there is not going to be any "Mass Party" in the next few years. He said that all the free spending of money at National Headquarters is just political in nature. He said that no one in New York, does any work, but everyone gets paid. He said that he had talked to DICK CRILEY Chicago CP functionary and that CRILEY related that he had spent only \$5,000 the previous year and that this took in the entire Chicago area. BART said that in New York, it cost the Party \$300 just for a simple mailing. He said

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that people like BEN DAVIS are ready to yell "picket line" and "leaflet" at the drop of a hat, yet they do not even consult the membership to see what they want. He said that there is no one to accomplish mass-work.

The subject then related that GUS HALL was due back in New York, on Wednesday, November 4, 1959. He said this will mark the beginning of a long NEC meeting and that they would have to discuss the national convention tactics, and budgets. CONNIE asked if the national committee will still number sixty people and the subject answered that it would be less, and they are trying to include a clause in the Constitution to limit to forty-five the number of members. CONNIE then asked the subject if there had been any recommended list of candidates, and the subject evaded the question.

He then related that he was going to propose a big cut in the permanent staff in the CP, USA, and he was also going to propose a budget. He said that he actually has a budget now to submit if he should be called on the question. He said down at the office everybody in the state and national office got paid but the people on "The Worker" are starving and that this was absurd and that as far as he was concerned no way to run the Party.

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EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING THIS
INFORMATION TO PRECLUDE COMPROMISING THE INFORMANT.

[redacted]
On [redacted] the [redacted]
Communist Party (CP) held a regularly scheduled meeting at
the [redacted]
[redacted] Newark, New Jersey. [redacted] did not attend
the Board meeting. The following individuals were present
at the meeting:

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The first item of business involved [redacted] in
[redacted] He gave
as his reasons his age, the necessity of going to school to
learn a trade, and the long hours he puts in at work. He
stated that the above combination leaves him dog-tired at the
end of the day. He further stated he differs with the National
CP and as a result feels that by remaining on the Board he
would be a disruptive influence. Rather than do this, he
requested he be relieved and remain active on a club level only.

A discussion of this was held by the Board and the
concensus of opinion was that they felt [redacted] should not feel
he would be a disruptive factor on the Board. They stated
differences of opinion are healthy for the Party and lead to
a stronger leadership. Further, everyone has a job, works,
and is tired at the end of the day. If everyone in the Party
felt as [redacted] there would be no Party. They therefore asked
him to reconsider his request to be relieved [redacted]
[redacted]

Without explanation or prelude, [redacted] a
letter he had received from the National Committee concerning
expulsion from the CP. The gist of the letter was that
anyone expelled from the Party is, if he so desires, entitled
to a review of his expulsion by the National Appeals Committee.
There was no indication as to why this letter was sent to the
State.

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[redacted] then discussed future policy in regard to the type of work to be done by the CP. She pointed out that there is a strong cry for peace in the world, giving the Party a wonderful opportunity both here and in Trade Union activity for constructive work. She mentioned some areas of Trade Union activity such as auto and smelting. She pointed out that the Trade Union movement is by far the more important of the two and she feels a heavier concentration of effort should be made in this area.

In connection with this, [redacted] remarked that it is his understanding that in the Detroit area the Party has no concentration in Trade Unions.

[redacted] took exception to this and said she knows of two clubs in Detroit in auto.

[redacted] said it was necessary for the CP to change its approach, particularly in the light of problems presented with the necessity of union officials having to sign non-Communist affidavits. He stated this prevents union leaders from giving open support to the CP.

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PHIL BART remarked that there is a lot of labor friendly to the CP. They will not belong to the Party, however, they will give financial support to the CP. He stated that differences existing between the CP and labor must be overcome and he feels the only way to do it is through friendly discussions on issues with no initial attempts made to recruit these people into the Party.

In connection with this, [redacted] said that in his work he was successful in getting about thirty people to agree to meet with him on [redacted]. He stated these people were all Trade Union people and none were associated in any way with the Party. He asked PHIL BART to attend this meeting and stated it would be held at the [redacted]. He remarked the meeting was called to discuss present political issues.

[redacted] then spoke on the importance of the Party paper "The Worker" and remarked the Party paper in Cuba was of paramount importance to the Cuban CP people. She mentioned this by way of emphasizing the necessity to subscribe to and support "The Worker". She handed out copies of

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"Party Life", October, 1959, which paper is issued by the "State Committee, Communist Party, New Jersey, 5 Alpine Street, Newark, New Jersey." She also handed out copies of a three-page letter entitled "An Outline for Discussions on Peace" and "An Open Letter to President Eisenhower and Premier Khrushchev", a petition issued by the New Jersey Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, Inc., Post Office Box 8061, Newark 8, New Jersey.

[redacted] made a proposal that a new fifteen-man State Committee be appointed with one full-time member. No vote was taken on this proposal. [redacted]

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[redacted] to study the proposal.

[redacted] was scheduled to discuss dues, membership, and the New Jersey State representation to the National Convention, however, she announced that this will not be done until after the end of October, this month being dues control month. She stated the first part of November this item will be discussed.

[redacted] mentioned that [redacted] by the State from the State Board on [redacted] had been pushing him to get back into the Party. He remarked that Hudson County feels it is the State's responsibility to take action on this and that [redacted] had remarked the State would assume the responsibility [redacted] pointed out that Hudson is pretty much split down the middle

[redacted] limited scale. [redacted] again asked the State to resolve this question.

[redacted] stated he would attend the [redacted] [redacted] and attempt to handle it. It was agreed by the Board that if [redacted] did not resolve the question in [redacted] to everyone's satisfaction, then a subcommittee of [redacted] prior to the next Board meeting to discuss and attempt to resolve

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the issue. It was made an order of business for the next Board meeting.

The next Board meeting is scheduled to be held on the evening of [REDACTED]

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TO: SAC (100-31723)
FROM: SA JOHN T. BLAIR
SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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- 1 - Baltimore (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (ED _____)
- 1 - Boston (RM)
 - 1 - 100-16707 (SCOTT NEARING)
- 1 - New York
 - 1 - 100- (CPUSA-ORGANIZATION)
 - 1 - 100- (LOUISE _____)
 - 1 - 100- (JIM _____)
 - 1 - 100-12959 (CONSTANCE BART)
 - 1 - 100-56579 (PHILIP BART)
 - 1 - 100-23825 (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)
 - 1 - 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS)
 - 1 - 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
 - 1 - 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON)
- 1 - 100-84275 (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)
- 1 - 100- (ADAM CLAYTON POWELL)
- 1 - 100- (RUTH SHULMAN)
- 1 - 100-18065 (JACOB STACHEL)
- 1 - 100- (_____) STEINBERG)

- 3 - Newark (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (LOTTIE GORDON)
 - 1 - 100- (MARTHA STONE)
 - 1 - 100-18491 (PATRICK TOOHEY)

- 31 - Philadelphia
 - 1 - 100-31723
 - 1 - 100-30295 (CPUSA-FUNDS)
 - 1 - 100-4842 ("THE WORKER")
 - 1 - [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-31282 (CONSTANCE BART)
 - 1 - 100-22157 (PHILIP BART)
 - 1 - 100-34061 (WILLIAM CRAWFORD)
 - 1 - 100-37636 (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)
 - 1 - 100-2427 (DAVID DAVIS)
 - 1 - 100-35375 (HIRAM DAVIS)
 - 1 - 100-31018 (EUGENE DENNIS)
 - 1 - 100-22603 (JAMES DOLSEN)
 - 1 - 100-27855 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
 - 1 - 100-28841 (FRANCES GABOW)
 - 1 - [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-16232 (JAMES JACKSON)

- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - 65-1686 (THOMAS NABRIED)
- 1 - 100-1505 (SCOTT NEARING)
- 1 - 100-1579 (WM. L. PATTERSON)
- 1 - 100-38020 (JOSEPH ROBERTS)
- 1 - 100-2459 (STERLING ROCHES-TER)
- 1 - 65-4644 (DANIEL RUBIN)
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-18775 (MATTHEW SNYDER)
- 1 - 100-34810 (JACOB STACHEL)
- 1 - 100-20567 (MARTHA STONE)
- 1 - 100-18709 (PATRICK TOOHEY)
- 1 - 100-35905 (NOLA WHARTON)
- 1 - [REDACTED]

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On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA JOHN T. BLAIR of the following. This information was handwritten on 10/7/59 into statement form by SA BLAIR, and was then read and initialed by the informant on 10/17/59. It is maintained in [redacted]

"Philadelphia, Pa.
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"On Friday evening, [redacted] of Communist Party members from Philadelphia traveled to NYC to attend the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the CPUSA being held that evening at Carnegie Hall.

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"Philadelphia delegates present for this affair were: THOMAS NABRIED, STERLING ROCHESTER, FRANCES GABOW, WILLIAM CRAWFORD, DANNY RUBIN, HIRAM DAVIS, [redacted] NOLA WHARTON, JAMES DOLSEN, [redacted] & 'FRANK,' MATT SNYDER's [redacted] ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was the chairman of this affair, which was attended by approximately 1500 to 1600 individuals.

"EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary of the CPUSA; BENJAMIN DAVIS, Jr., State Chairman of the NY State CP; and SCOTT NEARING, described as a traveler and lecturer, were the featured speakers.

"DENNIS stressed the necessity of building a strong Communist Party in the U. S. if the forces of peace in this country are to be strong enough to combat the reactionary forces who are opposed to peaceful relations between this country and the USSR. He stated that the CPUSA warmly endorses the KHRUSHCHEV-EISENHOWER exchange of ideas and discussions of peace.

"DENNIS also briefly outlined the CPUSA's positions on other questions such as Civil Rights, the Negro Question, Housing, Integration, etc.

"SCOTT NEARING spoke of his visits to the Scandinavian countries and to the U.S.S.R. and the Soviet bloc countries. He claimed that while the Scandinavian countries were supposed to have socialist-type governments in some instances, they had not progressed as had Russia, Poland, etc. He indicated there had been a great improvement in the social and economic positions of the peoples in the Soviet-bloc countries..

"Only a small portion of the speech by BENJAMIN DAVIS was heard. He appeared to be claiming that the CP forces in NYC played a major role in getting Congressman ADAMS CLAYTON POWELL re-elected to Congress over the

"opposition of the Democratic Party machine.

"Approximately \$3400 was raised through donations at this affair.

"Following the [redacted] CPUSA Anniversary Celebration, a 2 day CPUSA Eastern Seaboard Conference was held at the Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Avenue, NYC.

"The following Philadelphia CP members stayed in NYC for this conference which commenced Saturday morning,

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THOMAS NABRIED
STERLING ROCHESTER
FRANCES GABOW
WILLIAM CRAWFORD
HIRAM DAVIS

DANNY RUBIN

[redacted]

NOLA WHARTON
JAMES DOLSEN

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"In addition to representatives from Eastern Penna. District, representatives from the state CP organizations in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland, and Massachusetts were also present.

"Those recalled present from NY including National CP functionaries are:

PHIL BART
JAMES JACKSON
CONNIE BART
WILLIAM L. PATTERSON
JACK STACHEL
RUTH (last name unknown) from the
Bronx, white
LOUISE (last name unknown) from
Queens, white, early 50's, walks
with a crutch
JIM (last name unknown) from Harlem
Negro
2 Negroes from Harlem
1: 5'9", middle 30's, male, medium
weight, 3 gold teeth in front,
decided Southern accent

- "2. 5'6", middle 30's, female, medium build, dark complexion

"Maryland

ED (last name unknown), white, early 40's, 5'9", 160 lbs., light complexion, slightly graying black hair

"New Jersey

PAT TOOHEY
LOTTIE (last name unknown)

"Fur and Leather Workers

Mr. (first name unknown) STEINBERG

"The main report on the Saturday session was given by PHIL BART, who announced that similar conferences were being held in the Mid-west and the Far-west. He added that the conclusions reached at the 3 conferences would be combined, condensed, and a report drawn up for presentation at the National Convention.

"BART spoke on the problems facing the CP today. He stressed the failure of the leadership to rally the rank and file Party members to unified action to carry out the decisions reached at the last National Convention. This resulted from the ideological conflicts which existed among the leadership, on both a National and District level. He cited as examples the situations which ultimately developed in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. In New Jersey, MARTHA STONE and the majority of the New Jersey State leadership ultimately resigned from the CP leaving New Jersey almost without leadership. In Penna., DAVID DAVIS and JOSEPH ROBERTS also refused to rally the District Party members to action and subsequently resigned from District leadership and positions on the National Committee of the CP. BART stated that similar situations exist in practically all districts represented at the conference.

"BART stated that the Peace Question has become a burning issue. People of all nations are demanding world peace. He stated that with KHRUSHCHEV's visit to the

"U. S., the climate and attitude in this country has changed considerably. The National Committee believes the CP can work effectively around the Peace Question as never before. The 'left' forces can now work more openly. BART added that the time to 'open up' and work openly in the name of the Party is coming, especially around certain issues such as peace.

"BART stated that the CP must also find ways and means for comrades in the Trade Union movement to function in spite of the Landrum-Griffin Law, which is basically an anti-Communist bill. He said that in addition to finding ways & means for comrades to remain in the Trade Union movement, the CP from the District to the Club level must also try to get programs going to get the law repealed. He added that to date, the CP National leadership has not formulated a program or policy in regard to the law.

"BART also spoke of the coming National Convention and what the National Committee would like to see come out of it. He stated that the N. C. would like to see a unified, consolidated N. C., and would also like to see more unified, smaller District Committees. They would like to see every District rid itself of its own 'right revisionist extra baggage.' He indicated that California has started to reorganize its forces but has numerous problems.

"JAMES JACKSON also spoke at length. He gave an overly-long explanation of what a Communist is, and what should be expected from a true Communist as far as conduct and activity are concerned. His talk added little of value to the session.

"WILLIAM L. PATTERSON spoke briefly on the Negro Question. The main recollection of his remarks was his statement that the CP should tackle the Negro Question from a practical rather than from a theoretical approach as has been the case in recent years.

"After encouragement by BART, there was considerable discussion, primarily around his report, by many of the individuals present. Each related experiences in their areas which they cited as examples of the problems facing

"the Party.

"The Sunday session of the conference was devoted primarily to a report by WILLIAM L. PATTERSON on the Press. He discussed the failure of all Districts to meet their Press Drive quotas. He blamed this failure primarily on the unrealistic quotas set and accepted by various Districts and Clubs in the Districts. He stated there was a general failure to take into consideration the present unsettled condition of the Party. He claimed that 'The Worker' is in a financial crisis. He added that conditions would be worse except for an 'anonymous' contribution of \$3,000 from a wealthy woman, who has never been associated with the Party. He claimed that this woman had contacted him, indicated that she had read several issues of the paper, and was willing to make a contribution to keep the paper going. He added that he hopes to be able to obtain additional contributions from her in the future. He gave no indication as to her identity."

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE: PHILIP BART

Office File 100-56579

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: Apt. 4G, 2415 Newkirk Ave, Bklyn, NY

Employment: Communist Party, USA 23 W. 26 St, NY

Address:

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence: Same
Method of Verification:

Neighborhood Source: NY 1750-54
Date: 11/2/59
Verified by SA: T. Nally

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Date: 11/4/59
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FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: Yes No

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Subject Meets SI Criteria
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Date 11/10/59

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) (415)
SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 11/5/59

Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of Info: Conversation between PAT TOOHEY and PHIL BART at CP, USA Headquarters, [redacted]

Date received: 10/14/59
Received by: SAS JOHN A. HAAG (NYO) and VINCENT E. MURPHY (NK)

Original location: [redacted] b7D

Information received from informant, as reflected above, was reduced to writing by SA HAAG on 10/15/59 and authenticated by informant on 10/21/59.

A copy of informant's oral report follows:

- 1 - Cleveland (100-) (GUS HALL) (INFO) (RM)
- 6 - Newark (100-4284) (CP, USA-ORGANIZATION) (RM)
- (1-100-19491) (PAT TOOHEY)
- (1-[redacted]) (INV)
- (1-100-) (JOE BRANDT)
- (1-100-) (WALTER BARRY)
- (1-65-770) (JOHN NORMAN)
- (INV) (41)
- 1 - NY [redacted] (PHIL BART) (422)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (CP, USA-FARMERS MATTERS) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-80634 (BOB COE) (422)
- 1 - NY 100-66938 (JACK STACHEL) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-18065 (ROSE COE) (422)
- 1 - NY 100-110803 (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-8057 (GUS HALL) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-84994 (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
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A discussion between PHIL BART and PAT TOOHEY of NJCP was held at CPUSA headquarters on [redacted]

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TOOHEY discussed the internal problems confronting the NJCP especially the disruptive tactics of JOE BRANDT, WALTER BARRY and JOHN NORMAN. Leadership questions were also discussed.

BART agreed to attend a NJCP Board meeting in Newark N. J. on 10/14/59 to try to help the NJCP to reach a basis for an approach to the NJCP Convention.

TOOHEY asked about the CP National leadership comments concerning the decision of the CP Farm Commission to disband and the decision of BOB COE to suspend publication of "Facts for Farmers." TOOHEY stated he incorporated these decisions in a note which he gave to JACK STACHEL about 2 weeks ago.

BART stated that STACHEL kept the note in his pocket, apparently forgetting about it until 10/5/59 when he gave it to BART.

TOOHEY stated that the inactivity of the National leadership on these decisions has been construed by those involved to be a demonstration of lack of interest on the part of the leadership.

BART stated that this was not true, that had he known the note was a week old, and the subject was so important he would have dropped everything to consider it.

TOOHEY pointed out that nothing had been done and that he felt it should be brought up before the National Executive Committee (N.E.C.).

BART said that for three weeks he has been trying to

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arrange an appointment with BOB and ROSE COE but has not had time. He said that GENE DENNIS is sick, GUS HALL is away until about November 10, 1959 and ARNOLD JOHNSON is about to leave on vacation. As a result BART said he is very busy. He said he could not see the COE's until for two weeks.

On TOOHEY's urging BART arranged to see the COE's on 10/14/59 at which time he will assemble what leadership people are available and they will thoroughly discuss COE's decision on "Facts for Farmers."

BART stated he was going to Boston on 10/10, 11 & 12/59.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579)
FROM : SA [Redacted]
SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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DATE: 11/6/59

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The above captioned subject was observed entering and/or leaving 23 West 26th St., New York, New York.

NY 1726-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 4/21/57, that effective 4/15/57, the National and New York State offices of the Communist Party would occupy the premises at 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York.

NY 694-S* on 6/5/58, advised that the editorial staff of "The Worker" was to be moved into the building at 23 West 26th Street on 6/7,8/58.

NY 2002-S* on 6/20/58, verified the occupancy of the basement and first floor areas of building by the office staff of "The Worker," an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper.

DATE

OBSERVED BY SAS

10/26/59

WILLIAM J. BARRON
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WILLIAM J. BARRON

10/28/59

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STEPHEN FEDINIAK
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A log covering the above surveillances is being maintained in NY file 100-4931-Sub O.

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Identity of source [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info Info re EOB COE and "Facts for Farmers", [redacted]

Date received [redacted]

Received by SAS VINCENT E. MURPHY, Newark and JOHN A. HAAG, NY (oral)

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following info in order to protect the identity of informant.

Information received from informant, as set forth above, was reduced to writing by SA HAAG on 10/22/59, and authenticated by informant on 10/29/59.

A copy of informant's oral report follows:

- 1 - Newark [redacted] (Info)(RM)
- 1 - NY [redacted] (Inv)(41)
- 1 - NY 100-66934 (CHARLES "EOB" COE)(422)
- 1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(422)
- 1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA, Organization)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-23861 (Farm Research, Inc.)(413)
- 1 - NY 100-81675 (CP, USA, Pamphlets and Publications)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-80634 (415)

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On [redacted] and PHIL BART at CP, USA, headquarters to discuss [redacted]

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[redacted] them that he had decided to suspend publication of the paper because it was "not getting anywhere." He said that the CP, USA, National Office was not helping the paper or responding to its ideas. He said the paper no longer has any movement to speak for, can achieve nothing and has no future.

BART admitted that the National Office had neglected [redacted] had given it no help but was concerned that [redacted] was too unilateral and precipitant. He felt that [redacted] some discussion must be had to explore the possibility of alternatives. He proposed that [redacted] and meanwhile the National Office would set up a committee to discuss the problem.

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[redacted] but feels [redacted]

The names of those to be on the above committee are not known.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
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Weekly Summary 11/2/59 to 11/8/59

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11/2/59

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife, CORNIE, had discussed an article which WILLIAM Z. FOSTER had sent to the National Office, and he wanted published prior to the 17th National Convention. BART described it as a "stupid diatribe" which is critical of the convention resolutions on the Negro question, peace and youth. BART said "that scalle...is trying to create a crisis". He said that in his article he demands that the CP elect a Secretariat of three with CUS HALL as Central Secretary, BEN DAVIS and GENE DENNIS. He commented that he could not leave DENNIS out although he would like to.

BART said that a letter came with the article which said that the article should be mimeographed immediately and distributed. He said that FOSTER has published the theory that everything to the Right is revisionism and that there are two Lefts. One which is not too bad and one which is no good. The subject then told his wife that JACK and RUTH SHULMAN were both responsible for FOSTER's state of mind as they both "feed" him a lot of false information. He said that if he is still in his present position after the convention RUTH SHULMAN will be fired.

BART continued saying that everyone at the National Office is agreed that it is a waste of time to visit FOSTER and that all he does is talk and says nothing.

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He said that most of the people at headquarters were "damning" the United States Courts and Judges for not allowing FOSTER to go to MOSCOW to be cured, as this would be a very convenient way to get rid of him. He said there is a group which would support FOSTER's position including HOMER CHASE from Boston, TOM MABRIED from Philadelphia, MANNY BLUM, BEN DAVIS, and PATTIS PERRY. He said for that matter no one including himself wants to be put in the position of voting against FOSTER publically if they can avoid it.

CONNIE BART then questioned the subject on how he had been getting along with BETTY CANETT. The subject answered that he does not fight with her anymore. At this CONNIE BART criticized CANETT's husband, JIM TORNEY, Kings County CP Organizer, and described him as being arrogant, conceited and generally self-centered.

NY 694-S* advised that the subject has said that a serious problem was going to arise at the forthcoming National Convention of the CP in relation to showing where the CP had obtained the money to pay for the overwhelming expenses they had during the past year. He also said that he would like to see the new CP leadership include GENE DAVIS, GUS HALL and BEN DAVIS. He said that such a leadership would not create a serious flare-up and the Party could proceed to get down to work.

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NY 694-S* advised that the subject had stated that the CP USA was seriously considering challenging the House Committee on Un-American Activities in its most recent anticipated hearing of CP activity in Puerto Rico. He said that they subpoenaed about 100 persons from Puerto Rico along with a number of "local people". He said that the Party would accuse the Committee of infringing on the independence of a people and argue that since Puerto Rico is not a state or commonwealth and, therefore the Committee has no jurisdiction.

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NY 2359-S* advised that the subject was in attendance at meetings of the NEC which took place in CP National Headquarters from 11/2/59 to 11/6/59 inclusive.

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NY 1750-S* advised that a meeting of the Kings County CP Board had taken place in the subject's apartment although the subject was not present. Subject's wife, CONNIE, along with JIM TORNEY, WILLIAM PATTERSON, DANNY RUBEL and DAVE LEEDS were among those present at this meeting.

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NY 2359-S* advised that at the NEC Meeting at headquarters on the above date the subject gave a report on the arrangements for the 17th National Convention. The subject gave an outline of the sessions and the schedule for each day from Thursday through Sunday. He also gave the names of those recommended for various Convention Committees. Among those temporary committees was one on Party Organization to which the subject recommended himself as Secretary.

Source advised that the subject thought that the Convention would have a total of 150 to 175 delegates with a total attendance of about 200 persons.

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife entered into a very heated argument during which his wife broke into tears. She told the subject that she could not take anymore of the constant abuse from JIM TORNEY in her CP work and from him at home.

NY 1749-S* advised that EDNA WINSTON had contacted the subject and they discussed financial arrangements

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surrounding the trip she was to take at Christmas to visit her husband HENRY WINSTON in jail. She told BART that WINSTON's father's funeral had taken place the previous day (Thursday) and she had not heard how it all turned out. BART told her not to worry about finances and that everything would be taken care of.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed the Convention of the Borough Hall Section of the Kings County CP which had taken place the previous evening. CONNIE BART who apparently attended this convention related the events which had taken place at it, and named the persons who had been elected as delegates to the County Convention.

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NY 1749-S* advised that JIM TORNEY had contacted CONNIE BART and they had spent a long period discussing the Kings County CP Organization and the arrangements for its convention to be held the weekend of 11/14 and 15/59.

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PAT TOOHEY
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On 10/24/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART, while holding a conversation at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, had discussed the following.

CONNIE BART questioned PHIL on how things were in the New Jersey CP. PHIL BART answered "Pat will stay, that's definite". CONNIE then asked the question "And Lottie (Gordon) is going to New York?" PHIL BART's answer to the above was not intelligible.

The source advised the above matter was not further discussed by the BARTs.

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN

WILLIAM PATTERSON
IS-C

Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Reliability	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	10/29/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 10/29/59, "PAT" (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON) contacted "CONNIE" (BART), asking if "PHIL" (BART) is home. CONNIE replied that PHIL was gone and asked where PAT is. PAT replied that he is at "the office" and that "there's a new lock on." PAT explained that he was calling everybody to find out who has the key. CONNIE then told PAT that PHIL should be there momentarily because she said he left quite a while ago. PAT thanked CONNIE.

(1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 11/13/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
IS-C

Identity of Informant NY 1749-S*
(Conceal and paraphrase)

Reliability Who has furnished
reliable information
in the past

Date 10/27/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 10/27/59, PHIL (BART) contacted an unknown woman and asked for TOM (MEYERSCOUGH). The unknown woman said he left five minutes ago and would be back 11 or 12. PHIL left a message for TOM to contact him.

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TO: SAC, BOSTON

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

PHILIP BART; IS DASH C, SA DASH FORTY. NEW YORK ONE SEVEN FIVE ZERO DASH S ASTERISK ADVISED ELEVEN TWELVE FIFTY NINE SUBJECT SAID HE WAS PLANNING TO LEAVE FOR BOSTON, MASS., ON FRIDAY NIGHT, ELEVEN THIRTEEN FIFTY NINE BY TRAIN AND HOPED TO RETURN BY PLANE SUNDAY NIGHT. SUBJECT SAID HE ALSO HOPES TO ATTEND THE NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT CP CONVENTION LATER IN THE MONTH. NEW YORK ONE SEVEN FOUR NINE DASH S ASTERISK ADVISED ELEVEN THIRTEEN FIFTY NINE SUBJECT CONTACTED EASTERN AIRLINES AND MADE RESERVATIONS ON FLIGHT FIVE FOUR FIVE LEAVING BOSTON TEN THIRTY PM, SUNDAY NIGHT. SOURCE ADVISED SUBJECT LATER CALLED WIFE FROM GRAND CENTRAL STATION AND SAID HE WAS LEAVING FOR BRIDGEPORT, CONN. BUT HE HAD NOT HEARD FROM BOSTON. HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO CALL BOSTON TO FIND OUT IF THE ARRANGEMENTS THERE ARE DEFINITE.

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ADVISED BY TELEPHONE RE ABOVE. SUBJECT APOSTROPHE S
DESCRIPTION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BOSTON. HE IS WEARING
BROWN SUIT, BROWN SHOES, DARK BROWN HAT, BOW TIE, LIGHT
COLORED TOPCOAT, CARRYING BROWN ATTACHE CASE. BOSTON WILL
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FUNCTIONARIES IF ADVISED BY NEW HAVEN HE IS IN THEIR TERRITORY.

URGENT 11-15-59 10-51 PM TJC

TO SAC, NEW YORK

FROM SAC, BOSTON 1P

PHILIP BART, IS DASH C, SA DASH FORTY. SUBJECT DEPARTED LOGAN AIRPORT EASTERN AIR LINES FLIGHT FIVE FOUR FIVE, TEN THIRTYSEVEN PM, ELEVEN FIFTEEN, FIFTYNINE. DUE TO ARRIVE IDLEWILD AIRPORT, NYC AT ELEVEN THIRTY PM, ELEVEN FIFTEEN, FIFTYNINE.

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TO: SAC, NEWARK (100-4284E)
FROM: SA VINCENT E. MURPHY
SUBJECT: CP, USA
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ORGANIZATION
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A [redacted] of the [redacted] was held at the residence of [redacted] Newark, New Jersey, on [redacted] Present at this meeting were [redacted] [redacted] of the [redacted] and PHIL BART from the National Office of the CP, USA. [redacted] was expected because she had spent two hours with him that very afternoon; however, [redacted] did not make an appearance. [redacted] were at home, but did not participate in the meeting at any time.

[redacted] the question of his relationship to the State Board be placed on the agenda for that meeting. [redacted] the placing on the agenda of the selecting of a subcommittee of the State Board to meet with the [redacted] on what he characterized as an important question, otherwise not indicated.

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The meeting took up the [redacted] question first. [redacted] merely stated this was an important matter wherein the [redacted] from the State Board to sit in on and possibly help out on. The nature of this matter he did not specify or go into.

(During the meeting, [redacted]
[redacted])

Several persons refused to sit on this subcommittee for one reason or another. As a result, [redacted]
[redacted]

On the [redacted] this discussion himself. He stated he had a talk with the [redacted] He reported he thought [redacted] but that [redacted] had urged him to reconsider; however, after reconsideration he wished to state his thinking on this question. He is still of the opinion he has no [redacted]
[redacted]

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He stated that he came to this conclusion based upon the fact that for the past year or more he has had severe personal problems. The past year has been severe on him personally in creating new employment, in which he has been three months at school at one place and six months in a school in another. He works in New York City, but lives in Newark. The travelling is long and work for one of his age and for one who is unaccustomed to it is hard. When he gets home from work he is exhausted. He sees no letup of his personal problems, which limit his ability to do anything. Secondly, he continues to maintain deep political differences with the line of the Party, the direction in which the Party is going, and the stand it takes with respect to policy. [redacted] that this being so, and also due to the fact the Party is going one way and his thinking another way, it would be a constant conflict of expressing his opinion on questions. He would find himself a constant minority and considered a factionalist, disrupter and dissident. He does not want to be placed in this position. He does not feel it would do any constructive good but would actually lead to opposite results. In view of this, [redacted] [redacted] but he will retain his Party membership. As for his future, he and [redacted] have been talking about orientating themselves with regard to the organizations, events, or things which are happening in the neighborhood in which they live. They discussed how they could become a part of this activity. As for himself, perhaps membership in a club would be desirable and he could do as much as he physically could as a simple club member.

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Everyone present spoke and tried to argue with [redacted] to [redacted] and become an active member. They stated nothing would prevent his being an active member. [redacted] along this line. [redacted] in a conciliatory manner. All present indicated that most of the [redacted] had the same personal problems and the problem of tiredness, and if everyone took [redacted] attitude there would be no Party or, for that matter, any other organization. [redacted] to change his mind. He stated it is true there are obstacles and problems in the Party; however, [redacted] should remain and not let these problems color his thinking on the large questions.

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only time [redacted] the same line. (This was the entire meeting. He appeared to pander [redacted] to come back.) He stated that with respect to [redacted] differences with the Party, he would have a right to prosecute his views, argue with the comrades about them and if he could convince the comrades he is right, they would accept them. If [redacted] came back into the [redacted]

[redacted] stated that as far as the leadership of the Party in New Jersey was concerned, they had tried from the start to work deliberately to create all conditions and atmospheres for the complete integration and activity by all comrades who accepted the general program of the Party and accepted the theory of the need of the CP. He stated that under that general umbrella there was a wide framework for cooperation and unity among all comrades. There was a wide area where disagreements could be expressed and contrary viewpoints presented. He indicated that, in general, there was no area for unity or presentation of ideas and opposite viewpoints if they were predicated upon the theory and outlook expressed by those who had left the Party and denied the Party's right or justification to exist. This does not apply to [redacted] who is for the Party and remains with the Party. He has the complete right within that framework to express his views and opinions on any questions. If they are accepted or rejected will be determined by the majority viewpoint of the people to whom he is presenting them. There is nothing except his own desire or decision which would in any way prevent [redacted] from becoming an active and prominent member of the leadership. The leadership of the State Board and of the Party is based upon collective activity, a collective defense of the Party and a personal participation in the work of the Party. The leadership in the Party is one, not by fiat but by example. [redacted] has the fullest possibility of demonstrating that leadership and activity, and nothing stands in his way.

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[redacted] stated he has high respect for [redacted] and his ability, but his present and future lie with [redacted] himself and not with the Party. [redacted] must make the decision himself. There are no influences or pressures which would make it impossible for him, any more than anyone else, to do otherwise if he so desired.

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[] apparently came to the meeting with the definite viewpoint of removing himself from the State Board. He is not prepared to quit the Party, but definitely wants to be off the State Board.)

At the end of this discussion, a motion was passed to request [] to reconsider his attitude, remain with the Board, and become an active member. [] stated he would consider it further and let them know of his decision at a later date.

(It is felt this is just a stalling tactic and [] will in all probability advise them by letter that he still wishes to remain off the Board.)

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At one point in the meeting, [] interjected and stated he wanted a subcommittee to come into [] to meet with the comrades on the [] matter. The club is divided 3 - 3 on whether to permit [] to remain a member or not. Three comrades believe he is no good and three believe he is all right and should be taken back.

[] stated he is meeting with this club within the next few days and maybe the subcommittee will not be needed. He will report his findings on the matter. Any action necessary by the Board will be taken after this report.

[] made a brief organizational report. Two-thirds of her report was on the general subject of the great possibilities which exist for Party building in terms of the issues of the day. She stated there is a big change in the peace situation. The trip of KHRUSHCHEV to the United States is very significant. There is a change in the thinking in the country on this question. There has been a setback to the cold war forces. She envisioned a tremendous activity around peace if the Party would gear itself around this issue. She went into this in great detail. She also explored the Negro issues, such as housing, civil rights, employment and so forth. She went into detail on the uproar of the Negro people over the remark made by [] at the AF of L conference about [] She went into

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detail on the struggle against discrimination in jobs, schools, professions, et cetera. She gave a considerable rundown of the report made by PHIL BART and some of the speakers at the Eastern Seaboard Conference held in New York City a week or two previous. She was very general in her remarks and made very few proposals. During the course of her remarks, she discussed the leadership in the New Jersey District. She discussed the need of strengthening the State Board and State Committee. She stated she was leaving the state of New Jersey. She raised the question of the ineffective functioning of the Party clubs. She indicated the need of a real program to consolidate the clubs one by one. On the question of dues, she stated that approximately 1,000 dues stamps have been bought throughout the state of New Jersey in the past year, and broken down this is under 100 members in full dues standing. She indicated that there were many members not paying their dues. Of the 1,000 dues stamps, 750 were purchased by the Essex County Branch. She stated she has a chart which she will show to each of the members, indicating the allocation of these 1,000 stamps but, in general, she could state that the remaining 250 stamps were scattered throughout the remaining eight counties. This would be approximately 20 to 25 stamps per county. This would only account for two full-paid members per county. (This is based upon 12 stamps per member for one full year.)

[redacted] was observed for a brief period and it was noted that Mercer County is credited with 25 stamps. It is known that more than two members are existent in Mercer County.)

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[redacted] stated they should utilize the months of October and November to obtain all the dues they possibly can to increase the delegation permitted to the National Convention which, at the present time, is only allocated to three delegates. [redacted] was not specific in her figures. [redacted] to individual members when completed. She made no estimate as to the Party membership in New Jersey, other than the above reference to dues payments.

[redacted] then went into detail concerning "The Worker." She stated she had a report from the National Office which indicated there are only 180 subscribers

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to "The Worker" in New Jersey. Furthermore, that there is an additional amount of 88 copies mailed out in bundles. She made quite an issue of the fact that there is a complete breakup of the readers of "The Worker" in New Jersey.

[redacted] out a program for rebuilding "The Worker" subscriptions by suggesting they take the expired list of 1,000 names and break this down to a group of five or ten individuals, and to have a subcommittee systematically visit each individual who had let his subscription expire. She proposed that the generalizations she had based her report upon be taken by a subcommittee to be elected at that meeting to work out concrete proposals to be presented before the State Committee on the entire area of Party activity.

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They should take into consideration the question of club consolidation, Party recruiting, press rebuilding, Party leadership, and other organizational matters.

[redacted] from a critical viewpoint was weak because it was so general and because it was a diagnosis and not concrete recommendations as to what should be done about the problems. The discussion, therefore, on these subjects was not too extensive.)

[redacted] affirmed there is a great role and need for the Party. He stated it can be reconsolidated. For example, in Bergen County up until recently there was nothing. Now there are two good functioning clubs taking up activity. He agreed that if the leadership were strengthened and a policy and program created of concentrating on one area they could get something accomplished. They should work this out in precise detail.

During [redacted] she indicated that up until the present time she had resisted concentrating and, hence, ranged far and wide in Party activity. She now agreed to concentrate from the center (Essex County), where they have the base of the movement. They should work in Essex, consolidate Essex, and expand from there. They should concentrate their forces on Essex and nearby areas. While not neglecting

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other sections, they should not expend themselves on long trips and provoke themselves with the inability to reconsolidate and reconstitute groups outside this area.

[redacted] agreed with this report. He raised the question of leadership mainly. He stated they are being forced to work in a new manner within the Party. Whereas in the past there were ten to twelve full-time functionaries who ran around and stirred things up and coordinated, now they have no functionaries and everything is on a volunteer-evening basis. All of this imposes great limitations because the volunteers now are working long hours, have unsatisfactory jobs and long travel, so that the amount of their volunteer work is restricted. It is especially difficult when they are forced to serve on a complex of committees and boards. He gave as an example his own case as [redacted]

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[redacted] The point of his discussion was to give thought and consideration to the lessening of the creating and meeting of various committees and subcommittees. This would allow the comrades with little free time to perform more constructive work.

[redacted] refused to speak on this, and [redacted] did not speak on this subject. [redacted] along the line of [redacted] and gave as an example his own personal problems. He stated he is not the man he was ten years ago. He is now married and has two children and has many family problems. He tires more easily than he did ten years ago. They must find various forms of work and take into account the age and employment status of the comrades.

[redacted] in general, summarized the points made by the other members. He did not say anything new.

BART spoke briefly and gave examples wherein clubs can be consolidated and activity undertaken.

(There was nothing in his remarks which he did not say at the Eastern Seaboard Conference held in New York City recently. He had no solutions to the problems presented.)

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A motion was made that the Subcommittee on
District Convention Matters, composed of [REDACTED]

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report for discussion and to try to particularize it
into firm proposals and propositions. They should try to
come up with a concrete report to be presented before a
future Board meeting. In any event, they should have a report
ready on this matter to be presented for discussion at the
coming [REDACTED]

OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) (415)
FROM : SA JOSEPH A. CULLEN
SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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Date: 11/11/59

CARE MUST BE USED IN THE HANDLING AND REPORTING OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

This memorandum is submitted to fully disseminate the following information furnished to the Bureau by airtel, 10/8/59:

On 10/7/59, NY 2359-S* advised that on that date a meeting was held in the third floor board room, CP Headquarters, NYC.

1-NY (100-80640) (CP, USA - Negro Question) (415)
1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (415)
1-NY (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
1-NY (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
1-NY (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)
1-NY (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
1-NY (100-48033) (IRVING POTASH) (415)
1-NY (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
1-NY (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
1-NY [REDACTED]
1-NY (100-84275) (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON) (415)
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According to the informant, the following persons were in attendance:

PHIL BART
BEN DAVIS
JACK STACHEL
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
WILLIAM ALBERTSON
JAMES JACKSON
IRVING POTASH
ARNOLD JOHNSON
HY LUMER

and
WILLIAM L. PATTERSON

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The meeting opened with a discussion of the proposed dates for the next enlarged NEC meeting. BART mentioned the dates 11/5,6,7 and 8/59. ALBERTSON pointed out that County Conventions will be held at approximately the same time and will conflict with the dates proposed. He stated the counties set aside the first two week ends in November for conventions. STACHEL stated that in view of the County Conventions it might be necessary to hold the NEC on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (November 4,5, and 6). No final decision was reached concerning the dates for next enlarged NEC.

DAVIS suggested that the Party get out a special statement on KHRUSHCHEV'S visit and that it be prepared for the next issue of "The Worker."

BART stated there has been no report on the referendum concerning changes in the election clause in the constitution decided upon by the NC held in July, 1959. BART stated that objections to the change in the clause have been received from Los Angeles, Boston, Oklahoma, and Indiana. BART stated "we have to see that the referendum goes through....." He stated the main weakness is we have not had discussion on it.

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ALBERTSON stated that except in isolated cases the membership "does not give a damn" whether there is a convention or not. This is a reflection of the way we have organized the convention and the kind of leadership we gave it. ALBERTSON said the convention is being held because the constitution so directs without any perspective as to what has to be achieved for the political life of the Party in the immediate future.

He emphasized he felt the Party needed a major objective to mobilize the people and give them an outlook. He said he himself did not know how to accomplish this objective.

JOHNSON suggested that the draft resolution should be published in "The Worker", as we want to have full discussion before the convention. He pointed out that replies will be coming into "The Worker" (from the readers) and these replies can be incorporated into a discussion bulletin.

FLYNN felt the resolution was out of date and, therefore, an accompanying statement was needed in "The Worker" to make the resolution current. She specified items such as KHRUSHCHEV'S visit, the Negro Peoples movement, and the defense of the Trade Union leaders, as items which needed up-dating.

STACHEL stated he felt the present "document" does nothing; it does not give enough of a concrete perspective as to what the Party is fighting for. He felt the Party leadership should participate more in convention discussions in the sections and clubs. He also felt "The Worker" could play a role in the pre-convention activity.

LUMER remarked that there is no pre-convention discussion to speak of. How to supply what is missing is the key question before "us." We ourselves should prepare articles that will help give direction to "This" (pre-convention discussion).

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LUMER indicated he did not think now was a good time to get into a discussion on this question. He said that he felt a resolution on Party organization was needed, but suggested consideration be given to having this resolution presented at the convention along with a report (on Party organization).

DAVIS said he thought it a good idea to have periodic checkups on pre-convention discussions. He felt there was a lackadaisical attitude on the part of some National leaders toward the pre-convention discussions. He pointed out that the National leadership consisted of a conglomeration of individual opinions, and proposed that BILL (ALBERTSON) prepare a "piece" and consider this an expression of the majority of opinion.

DAVIS felt GUS HALL should be contacted immediately on the question of the main resolution. DAVIS also felt the Negro resolution was very bad, and that the Party should have a double campaign, a double slogan peace abroad and social progress of democracy.

FLYNN said holding a convention in December is of great historic importance to the CPUSA. It is long overdue. Let us get a letter out to the membership, but call it a manifesto, a proclamation.

BART said the problem is to get the resolution endorsed.

JACKSON stated this is actually a canvass of the Party for a vote of confidence in the estimate of the NEC.

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BART suggested a motion that the NEC feels that there should be a vote. Informant unable to ascertain if motion passed.

LUMER proposed a bigger NC letter for all National Committee members.

STACHEL felt that such a letter to the membership should be published in "The Worker."

BART made a motion to limit the convention to the membership.

During the interim that followed, it was generally agreed that there should be more discussion in regard to handling the resolution.

[redacted] re the general problems of the Negro in the South. [redacted] in the South today and will more than likely continue up to the 1960 election because of "this" being an election year. [redacted] further stated that regarding Negro representation, there has been a decline over the past two years; but that as of 1959 there has been a revival, pointing out that in certain Southern areas Negroes are candidates for various offices. [redacted] making reference to the "Civil Rights Commission," pointed out that this Commission was set up under a law passed by Federal Congress and that it is important to note that this Commission is now addressing itself to the Executive branch of the government. [redacted] that the controversy of State rights and Federal rights will be sharpened by the recommendations of the Civil Rights Commission.

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that the question of implementing the Federal Civil Rights Commission's recommendations on the right to vote issue in the South is an issue that can win widespread support and that what "we" have to see is the fact that the main direction of these recommendations is that the Federal Government has the authority and the ability to place this authority in the South. b6 b7C

SAC, CHICAGO (100-18080)

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DICK CRILEY
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On 10/24/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART, while holding a conversation at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, had discussed the following.

PHIL BART mentioned to CONNIE that DICK CRILEY from Chicago had dropped in to see him that day. He mentioned that CRILEY is only working part time for the Party because they are not in a position to pay him. He said that CRILEY said a great number of signatures for the amnesty petitions had been obtained in Chicago. CRILEY questioned him if any of these were for WINSTON and BART replied in the negative, mentioning that they were all for GIL (GREEN) and were mostly professional people in the community including a number of Rabbis.

Source said that PHIL continued saying that when LIL (GREEN) went before the Parole Board, she was asked why there was no Rabbi with her as she was Jewish. He said she replied that the hearing was being held on the holiest day of the Jewish year and that no Rabbi would come. He said that she did have three Ministers with her, two from Chicago and one from New York.

The BARTs then discussed a meeting they had to attend, at which GEORGE MORRIS was making a report. PHIL then mentioned that MORRIS has spoken before such meetings a number of times and everyone was completely bored. He said the trouble with MORRIS is that he thinks he is God's gift to the movement, which he isn't.

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① - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (#415)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (#415)
1 - New York (100-269) (HENRY WINSTON) (#415)
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SA JOHN L. FAGAN

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
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NY 1697-S* advised on 10/24/59, that BENJAMIN DAVIS, during a discussion with FOSTER, on that date, stated GENE (DENNIS) has the following people tied up in knots:

He mentioned JACK STACHEL, HY LUMER, and JIM JACKSON. He also said LIZ (FLYNN) will go along with him (DENNIS) and that PHIL BART will go along, as will IRVING (POTASH).

DAVIS also told FOSTER that there was a plan to make the presidium essentially the NEC plus 2 or 3 other people. DAVIS said he was of a mind to fight it and to resist the presidium unless it should not be composed of over 5 people from the NEC.

FOSTER asked about the nature of the presidium and DAVIS said it is the controlling body at the convention.

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1-New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
1-New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
1-New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH FLYNN) (415)
1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-New York (100-48033) (IRVING POTASH) (415)
1-New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (416)
1-New York (100-80641) (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION) (415)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Boston (100-18969)

DATE: November 10, 1959

FROM : SA LEO M. MC GINN

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY

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From:

[Redacted]

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Date Received:

October 29, 1959

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SA LEO M. MC GINN

Location:

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In view of the sensitivity of this informant, the utmost care must be utilized to carefully paraphrase this information prior to dissemination in order to protect the identity of this informant.

Informant's written report, dated October 24, 1959, follows:

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cc:

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- 100-16410 (CP - Political Activities)
- 100-19374 (CP - Legislative Activities)
- 100-23165 (CP - Domestic Administrative Issues)
- 100-26893 (CP - Strategy in Industry)
- 100-18169 (CP - Pamphlets & Publications)
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"Thursday, [redacted] - I sat in on an [redacted] meeting of the Communist Party of the [redacted] held at the home of [redacted]

"Attending were: [redacted]

"PHIL BART said that the Draft Resolution was just that - a draft that would be discussed by members throughout the country and this would bring about changes.

[redacted] him if a supplement to the worker would be put out on discussion on the Draft Resolution in the near future. b7D

"BART said that the 'Worker' is not actually the voice of the Communist Party today and so a special Party Bulletin would be put out for Party members on discussion on the Draft Resolution.

"BART said that there are many people who receive and read the 'Worker' who are not members of the Party and therefore the paper should not be written expressly for Communist Party members.

"BART said that the cultural exchange of people of Russia and America had brought about a better understanding between the two countries. BART also said that the recent visit of Premier KHRUSHCHOV to this country had brought a better feeling of the American people that Russia wants peace and co-existence.

"BART said that the Draft shows direction on the peace question but does not show the how.

"He said that we should use leaflets and also hold meetings.

"BART stressed the main issue of the draft as the anti-monopoly coalition.

[redacted] differed sharply with BART on this and said that peace was the most important issue today.

[redacted] also said that we should have a visiting list of 15 non-party people and a mailing list of 100 people.

"BART said that the Landers-Griffin labor bill was very reactionary and bad for the working people. He also mentioned the Taft-Hartly Bill and said that we do have such unions in this country such as the International Typographical Union and the Mine Workers who do not recognize the Taft-Harley Bill.

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[redacted] PHIL BART what she should do as a member of the Democratic City Committee if the Democrats in Massachusetts backed KENNEDY for President. PHIL BART said that he felt these were times when the Party should do what it can to help the Party members from becoming isolated in the Democratic Party and other organizations.

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"He also told [redacted] he would like to spend some time with her discussing her work in the Democratic Party.

[redacted] said that at the recent HUGO DE GREGORY affair held in New Hampshire many attending the affair were critical of the Communist Party and that [redacted] was very sharp in her criticism of the Party

[redacted] would have to be spoken to as he has continued to talk with [redacted] about having [redacted] at the Birthday Party in honor of the late [redacted]. Both were against [redacted] appearance at the affair."

All necessary action has been taken with respect to information furnished above.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)(415)
SUBJECT: CP, USA, ORGANIZATION
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On 11/11/59, NY 694-S advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON that on 11/10/59, he conferred with JAMES JACKSON, CP, USA, Secretary in Charge of Southern and Negro Affairs, who furnished the following information:

- 3 - BUREAU (100-3-69)(RM)
- 1 - CHICAGO (61-867)(CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - CLEVELAND (100-) (GUS HALL)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - DETROIT (100-13420)(CARL WINTER)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - SEATTLE (100-127)(BURT NELSON)(Info)(RM)
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- 1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-23825 (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS)(416)
- 1 - NY 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-32826 (JAMES ALLEN)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-84994 (GUS HALL)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-9365 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-105078 (HY LUMER)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON)(415)
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At the National Executive Committee meeting, which adjourned on 11/9/59, there was agreement with respect to the following:

The CP National Committee will be elected at the National Convention. The said committee will probably consist of 45 members.

At the convention, EUGENE DENNIS will give the main political report; BEN DAVIS will report on the 1960 elections; JAMES JACKSON will report on the international situation, and also on some main points of the political resolution; CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT will report on Negro work; IRVING POTASH will give the trade union report; BURT NELSON will report on the CP constitution; JAMES ALLEN will report on the Party program and Party progress; and GUS HALL will "conclude" and summarize the main report.

At the convention there will be 125 delegates, from 50 to 75 invitees such as National Committee members who are not delegates, and "one youth" from each CP district.

(JACKSON noted that there was no agreement concerning how many should compose the National Executive Committee.)

Concerning leadership structure, it was agreed that after the convention there would not be "a resident board." Instead, there will be "a national board and secretariat which will function as a politburo."

It was further agreed to establish an "Org Bureau", which will consist of PHIL BART and JACK STACHEL.

There is general agreement that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER will be "chairman emeritus." The NEC, however, has instructed GUS HALL to prepare a letter to FOSTER, sharply defining the meaning of "chairman emeritus", and demanding that he refrain from "interfering with the Party." A committee, with GUS HALL as

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chairman, will be appointed to contact FOSTER personally, and to explain to him the extent of his authority as "chairman emeritus."

According to JACKSON, after six days of discussion, the NEC could not agree, except as indicated above, concerning the structure of leadership or concerning who should be top Party leaders.

JACKSON stated that he made the final leadership proposal at the meeting. He proposed that there be an "ostensible" (public) leadership and a "secret or actual" leadership. In the "ostensible" leadership, DENNIS should be national secretary, GUS HALL and BEN DAVIS, JR. co-chairmen, and ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and IRVING POTASH (or JACK STACHEL) vice-chairmen.

In the "secret or actual" leadership, EUGENE DENNIS should be executive secretary, GUS HALL chairman, and JAMES JACKSON, BEN DAVIS, and HY LUMER members of a five-man secretariat including DENNIS and HALL.

According to JACKSON, his proposal was approved by JACK STACHEL, ARNOLD JOHNSON (not a member of the NEC), CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, BURF NELSON, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and IRVING POTASH.

When this proposal was not agreed upon, a proposal was made and agreed upon that a committee consisting of DENNIS, HALL, JACKSON, DAVIS and LUMER meet and decide upon a proposal of leadership to be submitted at the next NEC meeting.

Other proposals submitted but not approved were as follows:

CARL WINTER proposed DENNIS as chairman, HALL as general secretary, and JACKSON as national secretary.

BEN DAVIS proposed HALL as chairman and JACKSON as general secretary. (JACKSON characterized this proposal as "clever on the part of DAVIS.")

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CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT proposed JACKSON as chairman, DENNIS as general secretary, and HALL as national secretary.

(JACKSON commented that LIGHTFOOT was trying to "down-grade HALL, up-grade DENNIS, and get my good will.")

According to NY 694-S, JACKSON attempted to interpret the political maneuvering at the meeting as follows:

At the moment the fact that the NEC has not agreed on the leadership question is a moral victory for EUGENE DENNIS. Before the meeting it seemed to be a foregone conclusion that GUS HALL would be the choice for general secretary of the Party. Because of HALL's pleasing personality and popularity it seemed that he would be chosen by acclamation. On the West Coast and in Chicago, HALL had been referred to as "the KHRUSHCHEV of the American Party."

DENNIS, before the meeting, was downhearted, fearing he would emerge from the meeting as a "has been". When, however, it became apparent that HALL's "steamroller" was not working as anticipated, and it became clear that HALL and his supporters were resorting to unprincipled tactics, DENNIS, POTASH, LIGHTFOOT, and JACKSON swung the discussion to an analysis of what leadership, from the CP standpoint, should be.

The point was made that Communists are "a hard people", and that a man should not be given high office "merely on his looks and personality."

It was further pointed out that throughout the world leadership in Communist parties changes only when there is a change of policy - that the leaders of other Communist parties are not necessarily the most popular personalities in the said parties. MAO in China was cited as a leader whose popularity would not compare with that of his subordinate CHOU-EN-LAI.

It was also pointed out that a change in CP, USA, leadership would create the false impression that the

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present leaders were failures, that they were being downgraded, that there would be a change in CP, USA, policy. The question was asked whether the Party should risk creating such a false impression by electing a leader simply because of his popularity.

The NEC members were also told that, despite BEN DAVIS' charges to the contrary, DENNIS has done "a good job." He has had a particularly difficult time during the past two years. How could he have an effective, collective leadership when he was a leader without complete authority, when he had to deal with eleven CP secretaries who refused to work with one another or with DENNIS? As a result of these remarks by the DENNIS supporters the other NEC members began to appreciate how well DENNIS had operated despite the opposition he had encountered. They saw the situation "in a new light."

For the reasons above stated, according to JACKSON, HALL has lost strength, and DENNIS has gained strength. What the CP leadership proposals eventually will be may depend upon the NEC reaction to the above remarks of the DENNIS supporters.

BEN DAVIS, according to JACKSON, stated that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER already has made his place in history as the greatest of American CP leaders. As such, he has a right to criticize and to make mistakes. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN is a tradition in the American labor movement, and she too has the right to make mistakes.

DAVIS also stated that by reason of JAMES FORD's death, DAVIS inherited FORD's position as leader of the American Negroes, and as such, he now has "stature."

JACKSON and LIGHTFOOT did not agree with DAVIS concerning DAVIS' "stature." LIGHTFOOT became JACKSON's champion, and stated that JACKSON had proved himself to be an outstanding leader. He said that while director of Southern Negro work, JACKSON had "straightened out many trouble spots during a critical period," and, in LIGHTFOOT's opinion, was a top CP leader.

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JACKSON concluded his remarks by stating that the "real danger" in the leadership fight is that "GUS HALL may decide to go out and campaign among the membership, in which event he will win."

Utmost caution must be exercised with respect to dissemination of the information herein inasmuch as, by its nature, it tends to identify NY 694-S, a valuable informant, as the source thereof.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C43)

DATE: 11/12/59

FROM: SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH

SUBJECT: [redacted]
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Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in past (conceal)

Description of information: [redacted]

Date Received: 10/9/59

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The following information was furnished by [redacted] on [redacted] and authenticated by [redacted] on 10/23/59.

A copy of informant's report follows:

- 1-NY [redacted] (Inv.) (422)
- 1-NY [redacted]
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- 1-NY [redacted]
- 1-NY (100-128821)(CP, USA, NYD - FACTIONALISM)(416)
- 1-NY [redacted]
- 1-NY (100-12959)(CONNIE BART)(422)
- 1-NY (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
- 1-NY (100-128817)(CP, USA, NYD - MEMBERSHIP)(416)
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Subsequent to the [redacted]
[redacted] held on [redacted]
Brooklyn, N.Y. [redacted]
[redacted] had been criticized
by him for having brought the matter of the funeral of [redacted]
[redacted] before his section committee. [redacted] that
he thought this was a bad breach of proper procedure
inasmuch as [redacted] thought it should have been thrashed out
by the leadership and kept from the rank and file.

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[redacted] mentioned the matter of the induction of
[redacted] into the Party and [redacted] approved it. [redacted]
said that she had mentioned it to CONNIE and PHIL BART and
that they had approved.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

DATE: 11/12/59

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b6
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SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

On 10/14/59, NY 2359-S* advised that on the above date, an informal discussion was held in the 3rd floor board room, CP Headquarters, 23 W. 5th St., NYC. Informant advised that the meeting pertained to pre-convention discussion and the resolutions being prepared for the coming 17th National Convention.

According to the informant, those in attendance were PHIL BART, JAMES JACKSON, JACK STACHEL, HY LUMER and BILL ALBERTSON. The following are the most important comments made according to NY 2359-S*.

- 1-NY (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1-NY (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
- 1-NY (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
- 1-NY (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
- 1-NY (100-129629) (BILL ALBERTSON) (416)
- 1-NY (100-86624) (CP, USA - International Relations) (415)
- 1-NY (100-80640) (CP, USA - Negro Question) (415)
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Remarks of PHIL BART

The agenda will be the whole program for the convention committees..... and procedures.

Remarks of JACK STACHEL

In the past, we used to organize the convention on the basis of one main report. The first thing to decide is what kind of report and what kind of discussion. We used to have a general discussion where people from the floor would make amendments and discuss it section by section, now that is what we have to decide..... In the Canadian Party, there was a key-note report.

Remarks of JAMES JACKSON

TIM (BUCK) made the key-note report. In the Resolutions Committee which reported to the convention, it reported in the opening section of the draft resolution. The resolution came after the program and following that discussion began on the draft resolution. The key-note (speech) served as a brief digest of a series of resolutions so that there was actually discussion on the resolutions, but they were also reflected in the key-note address. They discussed it section by section. The subcommittee met each evening after each session and the main thing they did was make changes. Then too, they had a number of resolutions prior to their convention and they reported on these. Before the convention started, they put down a supplement on the resolutions that were submitted to convention... They adopted the resolutions section by section.

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Informant advised that STACHEL interrupted JACKSON to ask about Party organization, apparently referring to the Canadian convention.

Continuing JACKSON in answer to STACHEL said that a discussion of Party organization took place as a resolution. The program was discussed paragraph by paragraph, section by section, and this was the main content of the convention.

On leadership it was handled by the convention committees. All the members of the National Committee plus the leaders of the Provincial Committee which composed the convention committee worked each night on leadership and brought in a recommended list for election to the National Committee. This was made in a detailed report giving reasons why this person was proposed and why this person was not. This procedure was adopted and then from the floor additional names were suggested, then there were about six proposals for alternates with two or three being challenged..... Their style was very interesting, gentlemanly and respectful.

Remarks of JACK STACHEL

I think we have to organize more or less along the lines of the Canadians..... We should have discussion by sections. A discussion on the international situation, the economic program, elections, and on Party organization.

Remarks of JAMES JACKSON

I think it is possible to make a main general (political) resolution, where we define areas of discussion, such as on trade unions, Negro work, Party organization, and the like.

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Remarks of HY LUMER

We have to have a resolution on the Negro question of major importance..... We have the same problem on trade union and incidently there is also the question of Party organization. We have to have reports from comrades associated with the problem. The key-note (address) could be an opening for general discussion but I think we have to have a report on the Party as a whole..... We should have a subcommittee or committees set up for each of the major points.

Remarks of BILL ALBERTSON

We need for this convention an analysis of what is happening in the country..... We cannot give the convention a situation and then ask what we should do. We must make clear the Party's mass line, that is necessary. Secondly we must spell out the approach to the Party's role in executing this line..... We could have a labor panel, a youth panel, and a Negro panel..... We would have discussions, reports, and resolutions. At the last convention GENE'S (DENNIS) key-note speech was the struggle against the right and the left.

Informant advised that at this point the added security of the blackboard was utilized and this information was not available to the informant.

Remarks of PHIL BART

We have to consider either GENE (DENNIS) or GUS HALL..... The question arises as to the spokesman for the Party. The convention should be divided into sections..... and the chairman of the committee be the leading comrade in that field. There should be a small resolutions committee and peace should be the main question before the Party. The convention report should give as strong a base as possible.

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I think we should stress peace in such a way that the questions of the election and trade union would come under that. The Negro question should be separate. On outstanding issues, such as Negro and the press, there should be resolutions.

Remarks of JAMES JACKSON

On the key-note address, I think that GENE (DENNIS) should make it. He is the chairman of the National Committee..... The first phase of the discussion following the key-note address should be the political resolution. The first question there would be peace and the 1960 elections..... A major portion of the time should be directed to Party organization.

Informant advised that JACKSON then, in referring to the recent Canadian convention, said that there was no ideological report as such on Party organization.

Informant advised that discussion then followed as to the amount of time that would be devoted to various discussions at the convention. No conclusions were reached and it was decided that there would be another meeting in this regard.

TO : SAC, NEWARK (100-37125)
FROM : SA VINCENT E. MURPHY
SUBJECT: [redacted]
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DATE: 11/12/59

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- 2 New York (REG. MAIL)
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In [redacted] PHIL DART, of the
National Office of the CP, USA, gave [redacted] of
[redacted] DART stated this individual
visited the National Office and stated he could not "hook up"
with anyone in New Jersey. This slip of paper contained the
[redacted] N.J.

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(It appeared DART made a definite effort to furnish
this name to [redacted] in such a manner that the informant would
also observe the name and address. Neither DART nor [redacted]
mentioned the name or address of this individual.)

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

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On 10/21/59, NY 1750-3*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART, while holding a conversation at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, had discussed the following.

The BARTs discussed JIM TORMEY and CONNIE mentioned that he had been up to their apartment that week visiting with her on business. She said that when he was leaving, TORMEY said that BETTY (GANNETT) had had another attack and was feeling much worse.

1 - NY (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (#415)
① - NY (100-50579) (PHIL BART) (#415)
1 - NY (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (#422)
1 - NY (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (#416)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 11/13/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)(415)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, ORGANIZATION
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Identity of source [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info Info from PHIL BART at CP, USA, Headquarters, NYC, on [redacted]

Date received 10/29/59

Received by SAS JOHN A. HAAG, NYO, and VINCENT E. MURPHY, Newark (oral)

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- 1 - Chicago (61-867)(CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - Cleveland (65-721)(ANTON KRCHMAREK)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - Detroit (100-13420)(CARL WINTER)(Info)(RM)
- 2 - Newark [redacted](Info)(RM)
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- 1 - Philadelphia (65-1686)(TOM NABRIED)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - NY [redacted](Inv)(41)
- 1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(422)
- 1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-13444 (JOE NORTH)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-105078 (HY LUMER)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-25623 (ERIK BERT)(422)
- 1 - NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT)(415)
- 1 - NY 100-66938 (CHARLES (BOB) COE)(422)
- 1 - NY 100-110803 (ROSE COE)(422)
- 1 - NY 100-80634 (CP, USA, FARMERS MATTERS)(415)
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Information received from informant, as set forth on the preceding page, was reduced to writing by SA HAAG on 10/30/59, and authenticated by informant on 11/4/59.

A copy of informant's oral report follows:

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On [redacted] PHIL BART stated that a wave of subpoenas had been issued to CP people for their appearance before the Committee of Senator Eastland. He said that [redacted] of the CP National Office had been or will be served as well as four CP state chairmen: [redacted]

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BART inquired if [redacted] NJ CP Chairman, had been subpoenaed and was advised that he had not been.

BART stated that the service of the subpoenas was apparently not done in a pattern and he had no idea of what the Senate Committee was after. He said he expected however that other CP state chairmen will be called.

BART also advised that a committee of [redacted] had been set up to inquire as to the perspective of the publication "Facts for Farmers." This committee was formed in response to contemplated action of [redacted] of the paper. [redacted] of this paper on the grounds that the CP has no interest in it and that it will have no purpose unless it is identified with a movement. This committee will attempt to determine if there is any justification for the continuance of "Facts for Farmers" and will not be concerned with the policy or line of the paper at this time.

BART stated that he had advised [redacted] of the existence of this committee and its plans.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

CP, USA
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On 10/19/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART, while holding a conversation at their residence at 2415 Newhart Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, had discussed the following.

PHIL BART mentioned LOU JOHNSON, who is described as living in Sharon, Massachusetts, and very active. BART continued that most of the membership in Boston was gradually moving to the suburbs.

The BARTS then discussed OTIS HOOD and PHIL mentioned that his daughter is abnormal and is in an institution but that she comes home on weekends. He said that he had talked with her while at HOOD's house on his recent trip and that she had behaved very well.

- 4 - Boston (100-) (RM)
 - (1-100-) (LOU JOHNSON)
 - (1-100-) (OTIS HOOD)
- ① - New York (100-55579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-4931)

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TO : SAC-

DATE: 11/14, 59

FROM : SA James H. Krommough
*Attn: Supr John Kearney*SUBJECT: Phil Bert -
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Mr. Hennico, New Haven office called to advise that Phil Bert who was under surveillance by NY SA James Krommough on 8-57 file date. He arrived in Boston, Mass. on 11-59.

Boston has been advised. For info.

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J. Krommough

SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603 C43)

11/16/59

SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

CP - KINGS COUNTY
IS - C

On 10/29/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART, while holding a conversation at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, had discussed the following.

Source advised that the BARTS were visited by JIM TORNEY and CONNIE asked him if [redacted] had replaced Alan yet". TORNEY answered that ALAN was still in business and that he is presently out of town.

They all then discussed the contributions of ANDY ONDA to the CP before his death and were critical of the callous disregard of ONDA on the part of the national leadership. TORNEY mentioned that ONDA's widow doesn't want any money from the CP. PHIL commented that he didn't believe a person like ONDA should be desecrated after death.

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They all then discussed AGNES (WILLIS) and PHIL mentioned that they had had #28 02 + 0 apartment one evening. All three praised WILLIS very highly and PHIL commented that she has two grown daughters who she is raising herself.

- 1 - NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (#415)
- 1 - NY (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (#415)
- 1 - NY (100-15946) (JIM TORNEY) (#422)
- 1 - NY [redacted]
- 1 - NY (100-99369) (ALAN LAWS) (#422)
- 1 - NY (100-6622) (ANDY ONDA) (#422)
- 1 - NY (100-135084) (AGNES WILLIS) (#422)
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JIM TORMEY
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On 10/27/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART, while holding a conversation at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, had discussed the following.

Source advised that JIM TORMEY had visited the BART apartment and that prior to leaving he mentioned that his wife, BETTY, had been feeling worse lately and that their bills for medicine have been excessively high.

Later in the evening PHIL and CONNIE discussed a report that HERB APTHEKER had given that day at CP Headquarters. PHIL said that he found it very interesting and that APTHEKER said he had found a very high regard for the CP, USA in all the countries he had visited. He said that APTHEKER was most impressed with the East German Republic and that he thought they truly exemplify the multi-Party system.

PHIL later mentioned to CONNIE that APTHEKER told him that he had seen EISLER (GERHART) while in East Germany and that EISLER was now the "head of radio".

- ① - NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (#415)
- 1 - NY (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (#415)
- 1 - NY (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (#416)
- 1 - NY (100-80532) (HERBERT APTHEKER) (#415)
- 1 - NY (100-15946) (#422)

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There are enclosed seven copies of a letterhead memorandum, setting forth the proceedings of a six day meeting of the enlarged National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Communist Party (CP), USA, which meeting was held at CP Headquarters, NYC 11/4-9/59.

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The informant furnishing the information
was NY 2359-S*.

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New York, New York

17 NOV 1959

Re: Communist Party, United
States of America -
Organization
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The enlarged National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA) held a six day meeting at CP Headquarters, New York City, November 4-9, 1959. There follows a summary of proceedings at this meeting as reported by a confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past.

First Day's Session November 4, 1959

Eugene Dennis, Chairman, announced the agenda as follows:

1. Draft Resolution on Party Organization.
2. Initial draft of trade union resolution.
3. Question of leadership.
4. Recommendations, discussions, and action on convention arrangements.
5. Report and discussion on pre-convention article by William Z. Foster.

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AD #1 to 100-56579-3916

Re: Communist Party,
USA - Organization

Hy Lumer stated that a subcommittee consisting of himself, Jack Stachel, Phil Bart and William Albertson, had prepared the Draft Resolution on Party organization.

Carl Winter discussed the resolution and said the construction of the Party needs a great deal more treatment and the resolution is unduly "Pollyannaish." He stated "We made a lot of assertions which are contradicted by the facts." Winter said that you cannot say "The Worker" circulation has been stabilized and then say its position is precarious; stated that faith in the Party can be restored only by facts and not by "Hoopla;" said the Organizational Resolution has to be realistic, factual, and should not come up with new political estimates. Winter said the new estimates should be included in the Political Resolution rather than in the Organizational Resolution. He criticized the style of the resolution as a "sort of left handed representation;" felt that several things should be rephrased and cited as an example the fact that the resolution gives the impression that we are defending "The Bill of Rights" in order to strengthen the Party as is claimed by our enemies. Winter said we have to make clear that we are for "The Bill of Rights" because we are for the rights of the American people and not because it gives us an opportunity to operate.

Claude Lightfoot stated that the resolution touches on the question of the Party's isolation, but does not sufficiently define it; thought the resolution should indicate the new type of problems relating to mass work of the Party.

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James Jackson agreed with Lightfoot that the use of the term "isolation of the Party" should be more clearly defined.

Bill Albertson stated that the Draft Resolution on Party organization must consider the Party club as the main instrument for rebuilding the Party; felt the Party club must be given a new stature, something that it has not had in a long time. Albertson stated that isolation must be explained in the resolution in such a way that no one gets the impression that the Party is completely isolated.

Mickey Lima noted that it was not necessary to look very far in order to see that in many respects a crisis still exists in the Party. He cited the importance of the fight to re-establish the role of the Party relative to the mass struggle and said that along with this there is necessity of re-establishment of the independent role of the Party.

Ben Davis observed that in his opinion, the object of everything the Party does is to build the Party organization. He said that the Party membership must have this objective in mind at all times. In respect to the Draft Resolution, Davis stated that he felt it needed further development. As an example, he cited the fact that Democratic Centralism is not mentioned in the resolution.

Irving Potash commented that in the formulation of the resolution, it appeared that questions were not answered deeply enough. He said that the resolution did not deal sufficiently with certain questions and problems such as how Comrades in their contacts and activities can bring forward the ideas, roles and aims of the Party.

Phil Bart pointed out that there are certain problems that must be dealt with in a general sense because resolutions cannot be formed on them.

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Arnold Johnson stated that the resolution should be realistic, not be a "hard line" as it makes people feel like puppets; said the convention should lay the groundwork for developing pride and high morale for being "a Communist."

Burt Nelson said that "we must raise the dignity of the club leaders in the Party" and there should be no isolation between the leadership and the clubs.

Jack Stachel stated that the heart of our Party is based on the clubs and emphasis should be placed on Party recruiting.

Anton Krchmarek commented that our organization needs a ringing cause and there is a need to bring enthusiasm and imagination into the ranks.

Hy Lumer commented on Carl Winter's criticism of resolution regarding Party organization; stated that in order for the resolution to be a realistic estimate, it is necessary to indicate that the Party overcame most of the serious aspects of its crisis; stated that Winter's criticism regarding contradictions with respect to "The Worker" was that "The Worker" has been stabilized as to circulation, but that there are other problems in putting out a paper. Lumer agreed that many of the points in the resolution have to be dealt with in greater detail and that the treatment with regard to the Party's isolation was not adequate and needed a rewriting.

Mickey Lima suggested that there should be a Party Building Campaign and a statement should be issued regarding former CP members and the necessity of the Party clubs to obtain recruits.

Lumer proposed that a committee be set up to do further work on the resolution regarding Party organization and that this committee would prepare a second draft: this second draft would then be submitted to NEC members for comment and that the resolution would then be presented to the convention.

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Dennis called for a vote on Lumer's proposal which was adopted. Dennis also agreed with Lima's proposal to the effect that a statement on the recruiting campaign should be included in the resolution. No objections heard concerning this proposal.

Arnold Johnson next read a document which informant believed written by William Z. Foster, in which Foster criticized the draft resolution. The letter included the following statements:

The main resolution of February, 1957, was essentially a compromise between right, center and left; the current National Committee Draft Resolution is superior to the resolution of the Sixteenth Convention, however, errors remain; the Draft Resolution at present is inadequate and must be strengthened; the peace forces have made tremendous strides and our Party must do its full share in the world disarmament struggle; the Party must understand that in the trade unions its basic line is active cooperation with progressive forces and the Draft Resolution must give more emphasis to the Party's position regarding a labor party; the Draft Resolution is inadequate regarding Negro, Youth and the Jewish Question and a New Youth Organization should be formed as quickly as possible. Foster's letter states that the Party must demand that the United States get out of Taiwan, keep its hands off Tibet, and that full diplomatic recognition be extended to the Chinese Peoples Republic; the Party should seek to build a united front; the right danger is the main danger in the Party and the Draft Resolution contains serious errors on this question which should be straightened out at the convention; the resolution does not handle the question of Socialism adequately and that Democratic Centralism has two main objects: 1. To establish a system of Democracy; and 2. To build a centralized leadership free of Bureaucracy; in the Sixteenth National Convention, a wrong method was adopted for electing a National

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Committee which produced a National Committee responsible to the districts and not to the Party as a whole; at the coming convention, a full National Committee should be elected at the convention, and an effective National Convention demands full restoration of the convention as the highest body of the CP; the Party must have a National Secretariat under a General Secretary to lead the daily work of the Party. This should consist of three members with equal vote working collectively with the General Secretary. "My" recommendation for personnel Gus Hall, General Secretary, Ben Davis, Secretary for Negro work and Gene Dennis, Secretary. This would give Party leadership the necessary firmness, vigor and unity and would insure more adequate representation for Negro Comrades; the NEC should meet semimonthly and guide the work of the Party between meetings of the National Committee; the NEC should be composed of a National Secretariat plus approximately five resident members of the NC living no further from New York than one thousand miles; the National Committee should meet four times a year with its headquarters in New York, and should be elected in full at the National Convention and hold its first meeting while the convention is in session in order to elect NEC and Secretariat for approval of convention. Following Seventeenth Convention, there should be an organized National effort to recruit new members and essentially sound past members into our ranks; the Seventeenth Convention must lay basis for rapid growth of the Party.

Jack Stachel next presented report of the 1960 elections. He stressed that the main question would be peace and that the struggle for civil rights and the rights of the Negro would also be issues. Stachel felt the Party should work toward unity with the "Left Forces" through existing organizations in order to bring forth a broader movement.

During discussion period, Krchmarek suggested that the following should be looked into: 1. The growing independent trend of the voter; 2. The trend

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toward independent labor action and 3., improvement
in National representation.

Lima felt that there was no possibility of a
third Party at the 1960 elections. This was seconded
by Claude Lightfoot.

Dennis stated that in terms of the Presidential
Contest, the GOP is in a much stronger position due to:
1. Big developments around the Khrushchev - Eisenhower
exchange of visits and forthcoming summit meeting; 2.
Regarding Civil Rights, the GOP has a more advantageous
position. Dennis, to support his comments, cited the Gallup
Poll taken October 15, 1959, which reflected a twelve per
cent increase for the GOP since May; stated that in his
opinion, peace will be the central issue in the Presidential
Campaign. Arnold Johnson stated that the big push from
now until the next session of Congress, will be around the
Civil Rights Question, and added that the issue of peace
must be given constant attention. Dennis proposed that
Stachel's report be accepted. No opposition was expressed.

Second Day's Session, November 5, 1959

James Jackson opened session by reporting for the
Subcommittee on Leadership with the following structural
recommendations: 1. National Committee to be composed
of 40 to 45 members elected by Convention; stated this would
necessitate Constitutional changes to include: A. National
Committee to be elected fully by Convention. B. Each
succeeding convention to decide size of National Committee.
C. No more than one third of National Committee to be elected
from National Center. D. Each succeeding convention to
insure representation on National Committee from each area
of the country. E. National Committee to meet no less than
twice yearly. 2. National Committee to elect a NEC of

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from 9 to 13 members to meet monthly. 3. NEC to elect a Secretariat of five people for the day to day direction of Party. Jackson reported that the subcommittee favorably recommended the formation of regional structures to be composed of a Regional Secretary and a board to be made up of National Committee members in that area. Regarding the structure of the Center, Jackson recommended that there be a system of National Officers along with Heads of Negro, Labor, Education, Legislative and Organizational work. He gave four alternatives for discussion: 1. A Chairman, Vice Chairman and a General Secretary with a series of Area Secretaries who are not National Officers of the Party. 2. A Chairman, a National Secretary and a series of Area Secretaries. 3. A Chairman, three Vice Chairmen and a National Secretary with Secretaries or Directors of Work Areas. 4. A Chairman, a General Secretary, an Assistant General Secretary and Directors or Secretaries of Work Areas. Jackson then stated that there were two proposals or concepts put forth in the Subcommittee concerning the candidacy of the two recognized leaders for the top post, that is Dennis and Hall. He said one proposal was that the Party needed a total and radical change of leadership and the new leadership should be built around Gus Hall. The second proposal was that the present leadership needed to be supplemented and Jackson commented that it was his personal belief that this second proposal was more sound.

Claude Lightfoot stated that a motion was needed before discussion and he moved that the NEC accept the structural recommendations of the Subcommittee. He then proposed as a National Center structure a Chairman, 3 Vice Chairmen and a General Secretary. He proposed Eugene Dennis as Chairman, Gus Hall as General Secretary with Davis, Flynn and Jackson as the Vice Chairmen. He said these people also would be the Secretariat of five. Jackson commented that it was the intention of the Subcommittee that the Secretariat would be members of the NEC to be elected by the NEC.

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Gus Hall commented that they should first discuss the minimum personnel needs of the Party before they would discuss titles.

Ben Davis felt that the leadership should be willing to trade ideas, fight for the line and symbolize the Party; said the leadership should be selected on a basis of Party problems and further that the National Committee should be composed of from 35 to 40 people for economic reasons, if nothing else. Davis said that he would like a guarantee of a National Committee that would include 20 new Comrades from Labor, Shops and Youth; said it was unfortunate that the Party was not in a position to have a Negro as its head, adding that the Party was not ready for such a move. On question of officers, Davis said he supported Foster's proposals and that he personally was in favor of Gus Hall as General Secretary, but was not in favor of Eugene Dennis as Chairman. Davis said he did not think Dennis symbolizes anything of the Party in this period, but felt that Dennis had good attributes in tactical questions, political action and united front work. Davis stated that Dennis should be in the Party leadership, but should not be Chairman. He said Dennis does not give example to the Party in criticism and self-criticism, and has some Bureaucratic ways. Davis continued that he never heard Dennis say he (Dennis) should change this.

Davis noted that the French-Indonesian and Iraqi parties are not afraid to criticize themselves and air their mistakes publicly as compared to the CP, USA. He said that there must be a change in the leadership - something new and something fresh.

Burt Nelson stated that confidence must be one of the hallmarks of leadership, but the leadership must show boldness in presenting itself to the public, to the membership, and in grappling with problems. It must also have boldness in saying "we were wrong" and

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not try to conceal it from the world and "ourselves".

Irving Potash stated there should be an Operative Chairman and a National Secretary. He favored a "Chairman Emeritus" in the person of William Z. Foster and pointed out that, although Foster cannot be in the operative leadership, he is still making contributions to the Party and the American working class. Potash said he was inclined to go along with the idea that Vice Chairmen are needed, possibly as many as three. He expressed opinion that, because of the nature of the problems of leadership, the Party needs a team of leaders who can work and compliment each other's judgment, ideologically, and from the standpoint of experience, understanding of America, American traditions, its people, its working class and its history. Potash stated the leaders should have an understanding of the whole world movement, the United Front, and broad, creative tactics for struggle. He said the leaders should be a team which would reflect from its own ranks, boldness and energy. Potash felt that all of these qualities could not be centered in one comrade in "our Party today," but that the leadership team should be made bigger in order to bring about this collectiveness. Potash favored Dennis as Chairman and Gus Hall as National Secretary. He stated weaknesses and strength of these Comrades would compliment each other. Potash said in the Vice Chairmen, the Party would have additional positive features of leadership to completely round out the top leadership. Potash rejected the idea that the Party is not ready for a Negro as Chairman or National Secretary and stated it would be a tragic situation if that was the state of affairs in "Our Party." He stated the CP is a Party of a new type and does not consider questions on that basis. He pointed out that the top leaders of the Soviet Party have been non-Russian, first a Georgian and second a Ukranian. Potash said that the basis of leadership in the CP is not whether one is a Negro, a Russian or a woman, but whether one is mature enough.

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Carl Winter stated that he favored a large National Committee. He felt it is necessary to organize on Regional Lines. He said the National Committee should be nominated in the State Conventions and not at the National Convention. He continued that the NEC should be virtually a resident body and a Secretariat is needed that works under the direction and control of the NEC. According to Winter, the name of Gene Dennis is associated, in the eyes of the American people, in a most honorable fashion with the record of Party in the United States during its most trying years. Winter, then referring to Gus Hall, stated that since he became available, he has made a tremendous contribution to the Party. He noted that Hall has visited Party members all over the country and has brought a new, fresh relationship between top and bottom of Party. Winter said Comrade Foster is needed as Chairman Emeritus. He remarked that, while he did not believe that at this time a Negro should hold the top post in the Party, he felt that at least one of the leading Negroes in the Party should be included in the top ranks of officialdom. Winter felt it is important that E.G. Flynn be part of National leadership of Party and noted that one of the Comrades, who in the last couple of years has made valuable contributions to the Party and who has been overlooked in the discussions, is Hy Lumer.

Following a luncheon recess, Mickey Lima took up the discussion. He stated attempts should be made to solve the problem of how NC members function as NC members between meetings and indicated that, perhaps, the Regional setup would assist in solving this problem. Lima said that a key point is how to strengthen the Party's ability to give political, ideological, and tactical leadership. He continued that, at the present time, the National Center is not functioning as effectively as it should. He stated that the proposal for a Secretariat of five is a good proposal.

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Lima also felt that along with bringing Gus Hall into the National Center, perhaps one other young person or one of the District Leaders could also be brought in. Lima thought that Ben Davis, Carl Winter, Jim Jackson and Hy Lumer should be considered for positions in the National Secretariat of the Party.

George Meyers said the more Comrades in leadership who have mass contacts with people, the better. Comrades who have a mass base have to play an important role in setting policies of the Party. The Comrades in the working class movement have a very vital role to play in the Party. Meyers did not agree with the idea of Chairman and Vice Chairmen, but rather a Chairman and a Secretariat with responsibility for leadership and ability. He felt that both Gene Dennis and Gus Hall should be part of a collective National leadership. He noted that Ben Davis symbolizes the Negro community and should be a National spokesman for the Party in the role of Legislative Director.

Anton Krchmarek felt there was great concern in the Party on the question of refreshing the leadership. He said a leadership is needed which will give dynamic, positive leadership and guidance to "our forces." He believes ideal type of leadership for Party would be from the best forces of leadership in the Trade Union Movement, the Peace Movement, and the Negro Peoples Movement. He continued that the Party should have strong, collective leadership as opposed to individual leadership. He added that Hy Lumer has earned a place in the top leadership of the Party and Gus Hall should be General Secretary.

Gus Hall said he welcomed the frankness in "their discussions." He commented that the level of the leadership has been lowered and higher standards of conduct and production should be demanded. He continued that the size

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of NC was not important and suggested that there be fifty members. Concerning Davis' statement about a Negro in the top leadership position of the Party, Hall said that due to white chauvinism in the United States today, it was impossible for a Party to become a mass party with a Negro as its top leader. Hall felt it was not a good idea to have a leadership based on one person. He said it could be two, three or five. He proposed Dennis as the Chairman and said Davis should be considered for National Public Relations and Legislative Matters. He also stated that Jackson and Lumer had made good contributions to the Party in the past and should not be overlooked. Hall said that, if Party felt he should be in leadership, he would accept.

Jackson commented that there are areas in the country with sufficient understanding to accept a Negro Communist leader, but the Party has not made sufficient use of its Negro talent. He then endorsed Eugene Dennis as Chairman and Gus Hall as General Secretary; stated he had an open mind on Carl Winter's proposal; felt that National Committee members could be nominated in the districts only on the basis of a recommended slate from NEC and elected at the convention.

Lumer stated Party must build a better and stronger collective leadership and establish a two - way chain of contact with the membership; favored Ben Davis for a top leadership position and a National Committee composed of 45 to 60 members.

Stachel favored the establishment of a strong National Committee of 35 members and an authoritative (resident) board of 9 to 13 members, as well as a Secretariat. Stachel opposed Regional Committees; stressed need for greater emphasis on the Negro question and said the Party must maintain an "Uncompromising position on Negroes in order to win support from the white masses."

E. G. Flynn opposed criticism of Dennis and praised

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his every day political contributions to the Party; favored Dennis as Chairman with Gus Hall as General Secretary; opposed establishment of Vice Chairmen; accused Winter of having made unthinking statements and opposed considering Gus Hall as if he was "sent from heaven" to deliver the Party. Flynn stated the post of Chairman Emeritus is inactive by its nature and Comrade Foster should be urged to accept and pursue that inactive character in his dealings with the Party; opposed old Party officials clinging to their posts "until they croak." Flynn stressed the need for the training of newer and younger leaders.

Arnold Johnson called for the Party to take "A big step forward at this convention in the political life of the country," especially on the key issues of the working class, Negro and Peace Questions. He stated that the leadership elected at this convention "is the key to the ability to change the role of the Party;" stressed need for "greater productivity" among leadership in thinking and developing policy; described leadership "as the public expression of the Party, but not the total party at any time;" agreed that Gus Hall is helpful but not the answer to all the Party's problems. He favored the establishment of three top leadership positions with either of two possible breakdowns: 1. Ben Davis as Chairman of the Party; Eugene Dennis as National Secretary and Gus Hall as General Secretary; or 2. Eugene Dennis as Chairman, Ben Davis as National Secretary and Gus Hall as General Secretary; urged that Flynn, Jackson, and Lumer fill remaining posts in the Secretariat; urged that Davis and Hall be available to "travel the country" in the interests of the Party. He reprimanded Winter for his remarks on Negroes in leadership and urged that Winter amend his thoughtless statements; insisted that "The qualifications and duties" of National Committee members be unequivocally defined. Dennis proposed that Friday, November 6, 1959, be devoted to the Trade Union Question, Saturday devoted to Convention Organization, and Sunday be devoted to concluding the leadership question. He noted that

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Ben Davis could not be present at the Friday and Saturday sessions of the meeting.

Carl Winter expressed thanks for criticism of his earlier remarks, but felt hurt for being characterized as "Chauvinistic" because of his comments on Negroes in top leadership; apologized for his mistakes, but cited his past anti-Chauvinistic activities as a rebuttal to that characterization.

Third Day's Session, November 6, 1959

Dennis opened meeting and commented that the following would be discussed: 1. Convention arrangements, 2. Foster's article.

James Jackson commented that relative to the question of leadership, he wished to change his views and said that he now favored a collective leadership which would include two Organizational Secretaries, one of whom would be Gus Hall and Eugene Dennis would be Chairman of Party.

Dennis then stated regarding Foster's article that the effect of the article was a negation of the main line of the resolution.

Jackson said he rejected Foster's letter as "insolent, arrogant, and negative" and that it did not display a Comradely attitude; said that the letter should be returned to Foster and that he be urged to redraft his opinions.

Flynn stated that it should be made clear to Foster that being Chairman Emeritus means Emeritus. She proposed that the NEC should call upon Foster and explain their position to him.

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Stachel favored the idea of the NEC sending a committee to talk to Foster and felt that this committee would be particularly effective if it had a unanimous approach.

Albertson described Foster's article as a "dangerous document" which would establish the basis for a factional struggle in New York if published; agreed that a committee should go to see Foster and that if Foster "Can't be convinced" then a document by the NEC should be published together with Foster's article so that the membership of the Party will know where the leadership stands.

Burt Nelson pointed out that an article by one man should not be permitted to throw the Party "into an uproar"; said Foster was correct when he said the Party has to establish criticism and self-criticism.

George Meyers commented that there are people in the Party who feel that the leadership is sitting on Foster's documents and will not publish them; said people feel that Foster's documents should be published, inasmuch as a man has a right to speak.

Gus Hall stated that he would advise against any idea that "we" are going to clash head on with Foster; stated he is opposed to the idea that Foster will not listen to Party leaders and will not change his views and that Foster's reaction to recent discussion shows that he will listen.

Hall stated that Foster's document is negative and one - sided and flows from a lack of knowledge, but the leadership must share some of the responsibility for this lack of knowledge. Hall noted that Foster's lack of knowledge flows from his isolation and the fact that he does not read daily newspapers sufficiently. Hall said

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Foster does get wrong information regarding the Party and as an example, Hall cited erroneous information that Foster had obtained concerning a previous NC meeting. He described Foster's picture of this meeting as "atrocious." According to Hall, when he presented the true picture of the NC meeting, Foster accepted the facts given by him. Hall commented that Foster does get a distorted picture of the facts and steps must be taken to correct it. He said Foster's document might be the starting point of working on a relationship with Foster. He noted that Foster is part of the leadership and should be kept informed as problems develop in the Party. Hall suggested a regular rotation system of having somebody from the leadership visit Foster and discuss Party problems with him. In connection with Foster's document, Hall suggested that a delegation not be sent to see him, but instead a letter be sent explaining some of the reasons for the objection that it is negative and one - sided and is not based on developments in the Party. Hall stated Foster should be informed that the document would not contribute to the convention the way it is written and should be asked to rework it. Hall said that, if afterwards Foster wants a committee to discuss this with him, his request will be compiled with.

Phil Bart agreed with those who say this document will have a very serious effect on the Party.

Irving Potash agreed with Hall's suggestion that a letter be sent to Foster and then followed up. Potash said it is the Party's obligation to tell Foster that the situation as outlined in his document is not the situation in the Party, and that he is not fully informed. Potash stated the NC cannot enter into a public discussion with Foster on this kind of document because of the situation surrounding him and because of his contribution, tradition, loyalty and devotion to the Party in his desire for its progress and growth. Potash said

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that Comrades should not press for publication of these documents, but rather press for more discussion with Foster which will give him information on these questions.

Hy Lumer stated it is important to recognize that in dealing with Foster's document "we" are dealing with a developing factional situation. He said it has not been easy to establish better relations with Foster and stated he has found it impossible to talk to Foster or convince him of anything. Lumer continued that if a letter is to be sent to Foster, it should be done at once. Lumer noted that, if Foster had listened to Comrades who had discussions with him, he could never have written this document.

Arnold Johnson said a committee should go and have a discussion with Foster.

Mickey Lima stressed importance of not putting this committee in the position of suppressing documents in the pre-convention discussion. He stated that no one person should have a special relationship with Foster. Lima favored the idea of sending a letter to Foster along the lines suggested by Hall.

Following a brief discussion, it was decided that a letter would be sent to Foster relative to the matter of handling Foster's document. Hy Lumer proposed that a subcommittee be set up to go over the document and make recommendations. This met with agreement. Informant unable to determine membership of subcommittee.

After lunch, Phil Bart gave report on convention arrangements proposing nine sessions as follows: Session one, Thursday AM (December 10, 1959), welcoming speech by Ben Davis and keynote address by Eugene Dennis. Session two, Thursday PM, discussion on first section of resolution

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and a talk by James Jackson on Communist Movement and International Working Solidarity. After this, various committees will meet. Session three, Friday AM, report on trade union resolution and a sub report and talk on disarmament and peace. Session four, Friday afternoon, Negro resolution and discussion. Session five, Friday evening, 1960 elections. Session six, Saturday AM, Party Organization. Session 7, Saturday afternoon, report and discussion on constitution. Around 5:00 PM, there will be District caucuses and in evening convention reception. Session 8, Sunday AM, reports of various other committees on such matters as Youth and Defense. Session 9, Sunday PM, election of National Committee and closing address by Gus Hall.

Phil Bart then proposed a series of temporary committees to organize work prior to the convention as follows: Main resolutions Jim (Jackson), Chairman, Carl Winter, Secretary; Trade Union Resolution Irving Potash, Chairman, Anton Krchmarek, Secretary; Negro Resolution Claude Lightfoot, Chairman, a New York Comrade Secretary; 1960 Campaign Ben Davis, Chairman, a Comrade from Northern California Secretary (possibly Archie Brown); Party Organization Mickey Lima, Chairman, Phil Bart, Secretary; Constitution (Burt Nelson or Irving Potash) Chairman, Helen Winter; General Resolutions Pettis Perry, Chairman, Arnold Johnson, Secretary; Youth, Bill Albertson, Chairman, Charlene Mitchell, Secretary; Statement of Party Principles, Jim Allen, Chairman, Betty Gannett, Secretary; Defense, Earl Durham, Chairman, Elizabeth G. Flynn, Secretary; Press, George Meyers, Chairman, William Patterson, Secretary.

Phil Bart recommended an overall presiding committee for the convention to be composed of present NEC members and Chairmen of districts which have big delegations and who are not members of NEC. Such committee to function also as Rules Committee and to receive nominations for National Committee. Concerning delegates, Bart thought there would be a representative convention of

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about 150 to 175 delegates with a total attendance of around 200.

A general discussion followed, during which Eugene Dennis questioned considering inviting two or three people as observers. Jackson said CP should consider how to bring the convention to the attention of the public; said that publicity could be damaging to some of the delegates, but on other hand much favorable publicity value could be obtained from press coverage.

Gus Hall suggested that in addition to regular delegates, the districts could have the right to elect one additional delegate from young members; said this delegate could be in CP at least two years and would be seated at convention without vote. Burt Nelson said press should not be invited, but facilities could be made available for the press and these arrangements made through "The Worker". There should be a press room and Party leaders should be made available for interview. No decision reached. Jack Stachel said a certain per cent of the delegates should be Negro. Mickey Lima stated that California cannot afford to send full quota of delegates. Phil Bart then suggested cutting delegate strength. No decision reached.

Fourth Day's Session November 7, 1959

Eugene Dennis, as Chairman, introduced Irving Potash who gave Trade Union report.

Potash stated CP leadership has not devoted enough thought and energy to trade union movement. CP has not learned how to utilize membership or United Front Tactics in Trade Union work. It has not given guidance to trade union members and has not organized itself.

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In the main, CP Trade Union members do not know those with well advanced ideas and do not circulate CP literature. In regard to steel strike, Potash said CP estimate better than that of the Trade Union Movement; said CP has not used that advantage in order to increase its influence as much as it could to develop an awareness and action on part of Labor Movement and to strengthen CP in movement. Potash said NEC should establish additional regular functioning commissions, such as the steel and auto commission which are functioning now. NEC itself should set up a special authoritative committee to resolve questions of the railroad commission. It was noted that fact that labor leaders met with Khrushchev was positive development even though they were hostile. Khrushchev's visit advanced fight to end cold war. Communists must fight in Labor Movement for peaceful co-existence. Communists should realize there are dedicated non communists and CP should seek out and enlist their aid. CP will support every move of progressive workers and labor union leaders.

Claude Lightfoot, Mickey Lima, and Gus Hall all stated report should be briefer. Lima stated there should be more stress on automation. Hall said it should be written in clearer language, should be more realistic and down to earth. Anton Krchmarec stated there should be an elementary estimate of the steel strike in the resolution.

George Meyers remarked that unions have made big advance by taking their fight into the courts over the Taft-Hartley injunction.

Arnold Johnson said they should distinguish between the resolution and the report. He said the resolution should single out only a few questions as a guide for action by the convention.

Carl Winter said he thinks no need to emphasize Civil Rights issues because Labor Movement is already past

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that stage. Winter said so-called Bill of Rights in Landrum - Griffin Act is opposed to giving right to trade union members, but is aimed at destroying unions. However, it should take advantage of opportunities that may be found in provisions of act. At UAW Convention, new trends were noted and in promotion of efforts to form united front, CP can unite with others on certain issues, although aspects of CP Program are opposed. This should be made clear in Trade Union Resolution.

Hy Lumer said special consideration should be given to problems of automation as major point. They should make sure resolution is in hands of district leaders as soon as possible, as workers need time for full discussion.

Jack Stachel said activity of Mc Clellan Committee and Landrum - Griffin Act came not out of thin air, but out of desire of employers to cripple unions. To show the real objective of this law, they must fight for greater democracy in unions, not by appealing to courts, but by going to the workers against the employers. They should, in the resolution, develop instincts of democracy in workers but should not confuse the workers on this question.

James Jackson urged completion of Trade Union Resolution as soon as possible and development of working draft as a preliminary, singling out two or three points. In treatment of question of peace which is to be achieved through disarmament and trade, labor movement should be considered. On Negro Labor Alliance, they need to sharply characterize discrimination against Negroes in labor. Concrete characterization of modern exploitation of labor has to be spelled out and has direct bearing on role of CP in struggle for Socialism.

Arnold Johnson reiterated the resolution

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should appeal to workers. Party should not be premature in advocating Labor Party. Johnson stated resolution should cite specific peace interests exhibited by labor.

Claude Lightfoot stated if labor is to play a role in independent political action, it must face job of mobilizing members and the people. Labor should build on premise of working with two - Party system.

Eugene Dennis noted many points discussed appear in main political resolution. Dennis felt resolution should emphasize Landrum-Griffin Act and its meaning and should stress unity of act in between trade unions and their allies. More should be said on problem of re-vitalization and building of Left. Dennis said non-Partisan trend is growing in labor movement coupled with advance of greater independent political action, and should be encouraged. Peace and program of action should be the last points in resolution.

Lightfoot proposed that Gus Hall work with Irving Potash on re-drafting resolution.

Potash said there should be a statement attached to the resolution, stating it has not been discussed with the membership. He also discussed criticisms of other speakers and agreed that in resolution, stress should be put on such things as labor unity and political action. A proposal was made that a small committee be set up to study resolution. Informant was unable to ascertain the results of this proposal.

Fifth Day's Session November 8, 1959

Eugene Dennis was Chairman and Jack Stachel was first speaker. Stachel proposed a special committee be formed to raise minimum of ten thousand dollars for

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anticipated expenses connected with convention. Individual believed to be Carl Winter suggester letter be sent all districts advising effort will be made to provide housing, but no expenses will be allowed for that purpose and furthermore, financial arrangements will apply only to regular delegates. Suggestion was apparently approved.

George Meyers endorsed Dennis for Party Chairman and Gus Hall for Secretary. He felt Ben Davis should be guaranteed a role in National leadership; stated Party must avoid any actions which could be construed as white chauvinism.

Burt Nelson described Davis as a little hard to handle and one who expresses his opinions a little too sharply; stressed importance of selecting leadership based on needs of Party; said position held not as important as effort put forth by person holding it; said at least one Negro Comrade needed in top leadership.

Phil Bart favored idea of Secretariat of five or six and said a spokesman for Party is essential. Gene Dennis said necessary priority not being given to composition of NC or NEC; said role of comrades and contribution they will make will not be determined merely by title they will have; expressed agreement with Secretariat of about five, but said will be opposed to it if there is a Resident NEC; said need editor in chief (of "The Worker") who doesn't necessarily have to be on the Secretariat, but should meet with it; recommended Gus Hall for post of Secretary either National, General or Executive; said Ben Davis raises many questions which indicate important thinking and initiative, but would not

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recommend him for Secretary or Chairman; described Davis as important part of National Leadership, however, who should be part of that team; said Jim Jackson is vital part of leadership and Hy Lumer is a "hard working guy" who has also come forward as a leader.

James Jackson said his proposal called for Dennis as Chairman and that Dennis, together with 4 secretaries, compose the top level Secretariat; suggested that perhaps of the 4 Secretaries, 2 could be white and 2 colored.

Claude Lightfoot stated he felt that individually and collectively Party has underestimated the Negro Question to new dimension; felt Negro needed in top leadership and proposed Jim Jackson as most suitable candidate; said best combination would include Gene Dennis, Jim Jackson and Gus Hall; said if precise title of General Secretary is proposed, he nominates Jim Jackson for that position.

Following luncheon break, Jack Stachel opened discussion at the meeting of enlarged NEC, CP, USA, this date. Stachel said Party lacks unity in its ranks and its members lack sufficient confidence in one another; the unity the Party seeks and requires must be based on the candid recognition of strong and weak points of comrades and on the effective correlation of their talents; Negro-white disunity exists generally in the Party and the leadership and it must be solved; suggested a leadership coalition of a resident board plus four officers whom he named as Dennis, Hall, Jackson and Davis; agreed that entire National Committee be elected at National Convention; said it is not impossible to have co-chairmen and 2 secretaries.

Ben Davis said Party has made progress because it is beginning to realize the problem (of leadership)

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and is attempting to take steps to solve it; said Party would not exist nor be as united as it is today, were it not for the work of every single comrade on the NEC; stated Party unity will be more solid when it is achieved through candid discussions among comrades; claimed Negro Question is one of biggest single questions that has emerged from this meeting; though it is unfortunate that both Chairman and Secretary are white and said right now he is considering Jim Jackson for the top post in Party; expressed disapproval of Dennis as Chairman with 4 secretaries, but said would consider Gus Hall as Chairman and Dennis as one of secretaries.

Mickey Lima felt solution lies in having one top post and 4 secretaries; recommended Hall for the top post with Dennis and Davis among the secretaries; suggested Dennis be the National Secretary having responsibility for foreign affairs and National Legislative developments and Davis be Secretary for Negro Affairs; recommended Jackson as another Secretary, but did not name anyone for 4th Secretary. Carl Winter favored Lightfoot's proposal of 3 national officers with Dennis as Chairman and Hall and Jackson as Secretaries; felt it would be mistake to return to a resident NEC, suggesting a National Political Committee be established. Gus Hall said he could make best contribution to Party as its midwest Secretary. Anton Krchmarek felt further study needed on leadership question and it couldn't be resolved at this meeting. Davis agreed and said he didn't consider it wrong to bring matter up before NC. He added that he did not consider Hall's decision as final. Lightfoot and Hy Lumer urged that Hall reconsider his decision. Lumer agreed there should be Negro Comrade within top leadership; said officers are needed with specific titles and specific responsibilities pointing out that he didn't like groups of secretaries; favored officers and a Secretariat, noting need for a body capable of carrying out work on day to day basis.

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Burt Nelson urged that question of leadership be resolved at this meeting, as he does not want to go back to his state convention without this being resolved. He suggested Hall as Chairman, Jim (Jackson) as Secretary and Dennis, Davis, Lumer and probably E.G. Flynn, who would be called secretaries "or something like that." Carl Winter recommended Dennis as Chairman, Hall as General Secretary and Ben Davis as National Secretary.

Bill Albertson stated that there was no need for "3 generals or 3 thinkers" in leadership, but that the membership will understand the need for a Chairman. He recommended Dennis as Chairman; Hall as Labor Secretary and Davis as Secretary of Negro Affairs. Gus Hall recommended that leadership be composed of a General Secretary and 3 secretaries in special type of work. He urged that the leadership be made up of two Negroes and two whites and suggested the names of Davis and Jackson.

Arnold Johnson suggested Ben Davis for Chairman and Hall, Dennis and Jackson as secretaries.

Phil Bart suggested that the idea of one Chairman and two Secretaries needed "serious consideration."

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Eugene Dennis opened the meeting and commented that they would discuss briefly the question of the NEC while awaiting arrival of Ben Davis.

Claude Lightfoot expressed opinion that the NEC was all right at present and Mickey Lima was of the opinion that the NEC took up too many questions which he thought could be better handled by a secretariat and felt that when people come to New York from long distances more time should be spent on major questions.

Jackson stated that they needed frequent meetings and thought that alternate delegates could attend from the West Coast area. Dennis thought that too much work was (Telescoped) into the NEC which made working impossible; stated that some comrades were "allergic to delegating responsibility."

Flynn pointed out that no word has been said as yet concerning women's place in leadership and said that she could not understand how the Party "could veer so far away from the popular practices of having women at the top rungs of leadership." She said that for herself she does not want day to day administrative duties because of her advancing age and because of her health. She commented that Ben Davis must change his personal approach and attitude towards Dennis in the interest of Party unity.

James Jackson next proposed five officers of CP with Hall and Davis as co-chairmen, Flynn and Lightfoot as vice-chairmen, and Eugene Dennis as National Secretary. He proposed also a secretariat of five consisting of Dennis, Davis, Lumer, and Jackson, with Gus Hall as chairman of the secretariat. He also suggested an organization bureau consisting possibly of Bart, Albertson, Stachel, and a comrade from New Jersey or from the South.

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Mickey Lima said that he was in favor of Dennis as chairman, with Gus Hall as general secretary of the Party and also suggested that a Negro comrade might be brought into the leadership of the paper ("The Worker").

Lightfoot commented that Eugene Dennis had a contribution to make to the Party and he was impressed with Gus Hall, but did not know anything concerning his organizational abilities.

Ben Davis stated that there was a need for the Party to re-establish authoritative leadership and the central problem facing the Party was whether or not they were going to raise Negro representation. He remarked that if Hall were chairman then a Negro should be National Secretary.

Jackson said that in a secretariat of five, someone has to coordinate things and act as chairman and he then proposed Gus Hall for this role.

Gus Hall stated that the Party must appeal to the public and to the Party membership as having the best possible leadership; stated that in a political party, a co-chairman is strictly an honorary position. He said Party leadership should work collectively and above all else should be people who produce.

Burt Nelson stated that Ben Davis represents militancy but that he is a kind of "hot potato;" said he had reservations about the proposal made by Jackson because it would blur the role of Hall and Davis. Nelson said that people on the West Coast expressed the feeling that when Hall spoke to them "the Party was speaking their language," and that Hall is "down to earth" and further that what Hall says gives people enthusiasm, cohesiveness, and confidence in themselves. He said people expect direct answers and the leadership should not hedge.

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Potash stated that the leadership contribution at the convention must be such that we do not demote the top group of leaders to the extent that it will be harmful to the Party; stated he agreed with Stachel that Dennis had demonstrated some boldness and strength but there had been indecisiveness during the sixteenth convention; stated we must present to the membership a change that will make them feel that weakness has been decisively corrected; he added, however, that in correcting this weakness we must be careful not to make proposals that would bring about a demotion of Gene (Dennis) which would be harmful to the Party.

Discussion followed as to the possibility of setting up a committee on leadership to study the various proposals. Hall and others were in favor of setting up such a committee and it was indicated there would be another meeting prior to the convention. Meeting adjourned. No further session scheduled.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife, CONNIE, had discussed the impending 17th National Convention and the subject remarked that if the CP could create a true spirit of give and take within the Party they could really begin to expand. He said that the situation as it exists must be "unfrozen." He said the Party's thinking must include everyone including SI GERSON. CONNIE BART remarked that GERSON probably would not be around after the convention. The subject retorted that what GERSON does will not effect the New York CP, but that what BEN DAVIS does definitely will effect it.

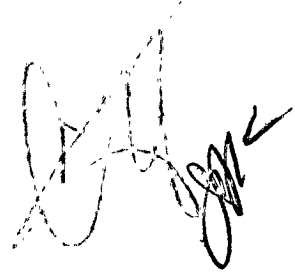
Subject later remarked to his wife that BILL ALBERTSON had mentioned to him that BILL WEINSTONE was playing a very important part in State affairs since his return from Russia.

CONNIE BART asked the subject if he planned to go to Boston on the coming weekend and he said he hoped to and he would also like to attend the New England Convention in two weeks. He mentioned that he also had to go to a meeting in New Jersey some time during the week. He said that the following morning he had an appointment with HY LUMER and BORIS COHEN, the owner of Prompt Press. He said the meeting was in relation to the publication of the "discussion bulletin."

Later the subject remarked to his wife, while discussing the National Convention, that hotel rooms at the Theresa would probably be taken by some of the leadership and that he thought he might reserve a room for himself.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject told his wife that JIM MALLOY, Harlem CP organizer, had been removed by BILL ALBERTSON and BEN DAVIS and replaced by a woman (possibly MILDRED MC ADORY). He said that they had not bothered to tell any of the rest of the NY State organization about the replacement and that BETTY GANNETT was all upset over it and had threatened to resign.

The subject later mentioned that there is supposed to be a meeting of a committee consisting of himself, GENE DENNIS, BEN DAVIS, and BILL ALBERTSON, regarding the election of delegates to the convention. He said that ALBERTSON has come up with the idea that no National Committee member should be elected a delegate. The subject mentioned that he, himself, may be a delegate from New Jersey as he has been working so closely with them. He said that the contest for top leadership is now between GUS HALL and DENNIS and that BEN DAVIS could never get better than a second post.

NY 694-S* advised that JIM JACKSON, CP National Secretary in charge of Negro and Southern affairs, had advised that the NEC during its recent discussions on leadership had agreed to establish an "Org. Bureau" which would consist of the subject and JACK STACHEL.

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NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted PAT TOOHEY, New Jersey State CP chairman, and told TOOHEY that he had been in Camden, New Jersey over the weekend. He told him that he was very busy with the NEC meetings but that he was trying to arrange to get together with TOOHEY around Thursday. TOOHEY said that he was coming to NY on Thursday about 5:30 PM and they agreed to meet then.

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NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had made inquiries regarding railroad transportation to Bridgeport, Conn., and later had made airline reservations for a flight from Boston, Mass., at 10:30 PM, on Sunday, 11/15/59.

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A surveillance of the subject observed that he boarded a New Haven train for Bridgeport, Conn., leaving at 4:37 PM.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-78589)

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN

EDNA WINSTON
SM-C

Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Reliability	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	10/28/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 10/28/59, PHIL (BART) contacted EDNA (WINSTON). EDNA said she had a message from JOHN (ABT). PHIL said that JOHN had called him too - that WINNIE's father (HENRY WINSTON) died and the parole officer said they were willing to let WINNIE go to the funeral in Kansas City - but would need \$300.00, which PHIL assumed was for the expense of two officers to go with WINNIE. PHIL said 'we' wired the \$300.00 to them today. EDNA stated she heard from WINNIE's mother today and had to send her some money; said she was going to call ROSE BARRON (ph) to see if ROSE had enough money left. PHIL replied yes, she (ROSE) has that much. PHIL said he called to see if EDNA wanted to make any arrangements or anything. EDNA said that when she talked to WINNIE's mother in Denver, she understood that no arrangements were to be made until mother got there (Kansas City) - and EDNA did not think mother would leave Denver for a day or two. EDNA said that JOHN could call the prison and find out - because they won't want to take (WINNIE) out there and sit around for a couple of days - they will want to just get him there on time for the funeral and get him back again. EDNA stated she would call JOHN now and have him find out. PHIL said that they did not want any publicity (the prison authorities - or parole board) on this - and we won't have anything about it in The Worker.

- 1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1-NY (100-45462) (ROSE BARRON) (424)
- 1-NY (100-54965) (JOHN ABT) (415)
- 1-NY (100-78589) (415)

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EDNA contacted PHIL and said she spoke to "his" mother and sister.. it won't be before the week end.. "they" have been in touch.. the parole officer called them.. they have to wait for WINNIE's mother to get there.. they are going to notify Terre Haute as to when he should come..so he won't get there ahead of time. PHIL said they evidently rushed it through JOHN.. EDNA said he must have immediately asked for permission and they said okay.. then they spoke to Kansas City and spoke to his sister and she told them that it would not be immediate..she would give them a days notice for traveling.. EDNA supposes they are coming by train or car.. PHIL said that it is okay as all the arrangements have been made. EDNA said as long as he has the money.

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN

EDNA WINSTON
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Identity of Informant NY 1749-S*
(Conceal and paraphrase)

Reliability Who has furnished
reliable information
in the past

Date 11/6/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 11/6/59, EDNA (WINSTON) contacted PHIL (BART) who just got in. EDNA stated she had to pick her ticket up Saturday (11/7/59) at Penn Station - for her Christmas trip. PHIL thought EDNA had got a check for December - or still had (a check) from this month. EDNA said no - 'she' has not sent me a check since I've come back - and the other one was gone a long time ago. PHIL asked EDNA to call him next week and he would arrange everything; said he just got in from a meeting - very busy; said, everybody is in, and 'we' have been meeting for a couple of days and we have a few more days, but next week won't be hectic. EDNA said she would call about next Tuesday. PHIL asked how EDNA's family was - if she had heard from WINNIE. EDNA said the funeral was Thursday - yesterday and that is the last she heard.

1-NY (100-55579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-269) (HENRY WINSTON) (415)
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SA HAROLD P. QUINN

WILLIAM PATTERSON
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Identity of Informant	NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)
Reliability	Who has furnished reliable information in the past
Date	10/28/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 10/28/59, PAT (WILLIAM PATTERSON) contacted PHIL (BART). BART said he had called PAT because of the paper that gets printed tonight - has an ad (advertisement) on the back - we will have to arrange the first thing in the morning. PAT said yeah. BART stated, the ad does not reach many people on the West Coast - that is the thing we left out - will "he" still have the forms in the morning? PAT said yes. BART said maybe he could save the form - has one page. PAT said he would telephone "him" (printer) the first thing in the morning. BART said that is why I thought I would call you - and then we can discuss it in the morning and see what to do about that page. BART thanked PAT for calling and said he would see PAT then (morning).

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1-NY (100-84275) (415)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-24914)
SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
IS - C; SA, 1940

Re: New York teletype 11/13/59 and New Haven telephone call to Boston 11/14/59.

Subject arrived Boston, Mass. via NY, NH and H RR 11:50 a.m., 11/14/59. Spent afternoon walking around downtown Boston and attending movie. Spent evening and night at residence of OTIS HOOD, Chairman of District Committee, CP, NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT. Informant advised BART attended meeting of District Committee at Lynn, Mass., 11/15/59. BART departed Boston for New York via Eastern Airlines 10:30 p.m., 11/15/59.

Report to be submitted on receipt of informants' reports.

3 - Bureau (100-3284) (RM)
① - New York (100-56579) (RM)
1 - Boston (100-24914)
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Date received 10/1/59	Received from (name or symbol number) [Redacted]	Received by Hayes S. King
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	Authenticated by Informant <u>10/19/59</u>	

Brief description of activity or material

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Remarks: Informant could not furnish these items at the present time for security reasons.

- 3cc - Chicago (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (CP Organization)
 - 1 - 100- (CP Funds)
 - 1 - 100-3470 (Morris Childs)

- 2cc - Philadelphia (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (CP Organization)
 - 1 - [Redacted]

- 2cc - Cleveland (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (CP Organization)
 - 1 - 100- [Redacted]

- 1 - [Redacted]
- 1 - 100-11093 (CP Organization)
- 1 - 100-8236 (CP Funds)
- 1 - 100-11093 (CP Organization)
- 1 - 61-55 (Phil Bart)

- 2cc - Newark (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (CP Organization)
 - 1 - 100- [Redacted]

- 7cc - New York (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (Morris Childs)
 - 1 - 100- (CP Organization)
 - 1 - 100- [Redacted]
 - 1 - 100- (CP Funds)
 - 1 - 100- (Phil Bart)
 - 1 - 100- [Redacted]
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On [redacted] Meeting of
the Communist Party held at the Mid-West Hotel, Chicago,
Illinois, [redacted] an official of the Communist Party - USA
from New York City, [redacted]
[redacted] of the Communist Party in Indiana [redacted]

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[redacted] also gave [redacted]
a letter dated 9/25/59 addressed to all districts from Phil
Bart, National Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party.
This letter was a letter of enclosure for [redacted]

[redacted] a letter dated 9/21/59
addressed to all districts from the National Appeals Committee.
[redacted] Morris Childs, secretary and [redacted]
This letter set out Sections 5 and 6 of Article 7 of the
Communist Party Constitution which concerned the review of
expulsion and disciplinary action taken against members. This
letter asked that the various districts prevent appeals from
going to the National Convention except as a last resort so
as to prevent a log jam at the Convention.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (97-169)
SUBJECT: PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS, INC.
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DATE: 11/12/59

CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

4-Chicago (RM)
 (1-100-) (SAM KUSHNER)
 (1-100-) (NATALIE MYER)
2-Minneapolis (RM)
 (1-100-) (CLARENCE HATHAWAY) (Info) (RM)
1-New York (100-25623) (ERIC BERT) (415)
1-New York (100-84275) (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON) (415)
1-New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
1-New York (100-50094) (ESTHER CANTOR) (416)
1-New York (100-13444) (JOE NORTH) (415)
1-New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
1-New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
1-New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (416)
1-New York (100-80514) (DAVID CARPENTER)
1-New York [REDACTED] b6
1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415) b7c
1-New York (101-559) (JESUS COLON) (416)
1-New York (100-72778) (BEN LEVINE)
1-New York (100-5700) (ART SHIELDS) (425)
1-New York (100-9369) (TED BASSETT) (425)
1-New York (100-13203) (GEORGE MORRIS) (415)
1-New York (97-169)

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The following information has been forwarded to the Bureau by airtel on 10/25/59. This memo is being submitted to more fully disseminate this information.

On 10/23/59, NY 2359-S* advised a meeting of the Editorial Board of "The Worker" took place at CP Headquarters that date. The meeting started at 10:43 A.M. Among those present were: ERIC BERT, WILLIAM PATTERSON, JAMES JACKSON, ESTHER CANTOR, JOE NORTH, SAM KUSHNER, JACK STACHEL, E.G. FLYNN, BETTY GANNETT, DAVID CARPENTER, [REDACTED] PHIL BART, JESUS COLON, BEN LEVINE, ART SHIELDS, TED BASSETT and GEORGE MORRIS. Also believed in attendance were: CLARENCE HATHAWAY, NATALIE MYER and others.

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ERIC BERT presided and proposed JOE NORTH start the discussion. In the short discussion before NORTH started, the majority of those present agreed to finish the meeting that day rather than continue on 10/24/59.

JOE NORTH gave a general background outline of the paper's struggles in the past and praised the staff for their enthusiasm. He also pointed out they ran good features and articles on the Cuban situation, and Puerto Rican struggles in New York re discrimination, schooling, housing, jobs, etc. He added that "we" should make more contacts out of the office in an effort to get news and articles.

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON pointed out that in the last two years, disastrous blows have been aimed at the paper. A committee is raising the question of a Mid-West paper. He noted the failure of circulation and the impossibility of building an apparatus around "The Worker." He said "The Worker" does not crusade on any issues and the fight for constitutional rights and government has to be a crusade. Also, "We" do not editorialize enough on certain questions. A new method had to be found of handling certain economic questions. Articles must have vitality.

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An unknown male (believed to be SAM KUSHNER) felt that developments taking place have different impacts in different areas and he cited the steel strike as an example of having more impact out in the Mid-West than in NY. He believed having a Mid-West paper would make a historic contribution. He said the paper is hard to read and does not fight for the worker's interest. A balance must be reached between analysis and news and an end put to lengthy diatribes that people aren't reading. Less and less people read GEORGE MORRIS.

DAVE CARPENTER

DAVE CARPENTER claimed the Party and the paper helped bring about the Washington conference on unemployment, the shorter work week and the hospital strike. He said the circulation was the key question and cited the fact that building the paper would build the Party.

JAMES JACKSON wanted a paper that was the foremost advocate for peace, coexistence and disarmament, the champion of democracy and trade unions, a crusader for equality of the Negro, the patron of all that's progressive in arts and culture, and a guide to the people's independent political action.

BETTY GANNETT said the paper should deal with the problems of the Puerto Rican people and should not just have academic or theoretical articles.

An unknown male (believed to be CLARENCE HATHAWAY) said circulation could be built by adopting the Madison Avenue line of salesmanship of going out and contacting people. He believed the paper failed to project itself and did not talk in the simple, plain language of the ordinary worker; too much was over their heads. It should also contain light, popular material for wives and children who don't look at the paper now. The paper also needs someone who

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can give leadership and draw it together. Articles have to be condensed.

An unknown male [redacted] cited the need for more discussion between the Party and the staff. [redacted] on the paper and added that it was better to have a halfhearted edition than no edition at all.

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ESTHER CANTOR pointed out that bundle orders were going up but there is trouble with renewals. She considered GEORGE MORRIS one of the crusaders on the paper.

JESUS COLON urged that someone be put full time on the Puerto Rican question. Unknown male (believed to be TED BASSETT) emphasized the need for live coverage of the news.

An unknown male (believed to be GEORGE MORRIS) described the changing times and concluded that more analysis was needed as well as an editor who would assume full responsibility to end the lack of balance, co-ordination and emphasis in the paper. He said an English paper with a Puerto Rican page was nonsense. What was needed was a little 4-page Spanish paper exclusively for them. A circulation manager was also needed.

JACK STACHEL also urged that a full-time editor be obtained.

E.G. FLYNN called for articles in simple language because of the limited formal education of many readers. Also said humor was lacking in the paper. She thought a good job was being done by the paper considering all its problems.

ERIC BERT said the editor must be someone in the operating leadership of the Party, "not one of us because of the authority involved." The forces available to the paper must be increased and the cooperation of the Party was needed.

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A general discussion then took place concerning the columns, with those present expressing their individual likes and dislikes. It was believed they agreed to get further expression of opinion, especially from the readers, on the columns; to discuss individual columns with the column writers and then make proposals at some future time; and to press the question of redoing the column which "we" dropped.

The discussion then turned to the question of a Mid-West paper or a Mid-West edition. STACHEL, MORRIS, BERT, PATTERSON, JACKSON and KUSHNER each brought up various phases of the problems involved - cost, circulation, staff, technical problems, availability of the Party in the Mid-West to turn out a weekly paper, and so forth.

The informant was not able to report in detail on the entire discussion, but it appeared that there was no agreement among those present on even whether these problems were valid ones and, as far as could be determined, no decisions were put forth or adopted in regard to this question. Meeting adjourned.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-)

DICK CRILEY
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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ On 10/30/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART, while holding a conversation at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, had discussed the following.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ PHIL mentioned to CONNIE that DICK CRILEY had made a report of his activities and mentioned that he had spent approximately \$5,000 in a year. PHIL said that this was amazing considering that it took in the whole of Chicago. He said that in New York, when they want to get out a mailing, it costs \$300. He said that BEN DAVIS is one of the persons that causes so many expenses and is ready to call a picket line or get out a leaflet at the drop of a hat. He said actually it's all very ridiculous when you think about it.

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- 2 - Chicago (100-18080) (RM)
- ① - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-84944) (GUS HALL) (#415)
- 1 - New York (97-169) ("THE WORKER") (#415)
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SAC, NEW YORK (100-1696)

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SA DONALD E. HARTNETT

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
IS-C; ISA-50

On 11/2/59, NY 2318-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that ROSE BARRON contacted ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN concerning the fact that she has only \$127.00 left in defense funds. She mentioned that PHIL BART told her not to worry as Chicago is taking the fund over. PHIL instructed her, however, to keep the \$127.00 in the bank. FLYNN remarked that NY may start another fund drive, but that JOHN T. MC MANUS refuses to let them use his (mailing) list. BARRON said that EDNA WINSTON had called her demanding \$40.00 out of the fund and that she was undecided whether to give the money to EDNA or not, but finally consented to send the money to her. ELIZABETH told ROSE to advise EDNA in the future that there is no money left in the bank. ELIZABETH then confided to ROSE that the two classes she is teaching at the Faculty of Social Science are not doing too well and the attendance is very poor. BARRON also remarked that the (Jefferson) book store is not doing well either. ELIZABETH told ROSE that she dreads the four meetings (NEC) coming up that week end. She said that she had attended a meeting of the Industrial Section the previous day with LENA (SCHERER) and that LENA had told her that she (LENA) would probably get in trouble for inviting ELIZABETH because "they" do not want national people to come into the district.

On that same date, NY 2318-S* advised that BELLA ALTSHULER contacted ELIZABETH to say that she had received a letter from the Justice Department informing them that they

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1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-89691) (CP, USA Domestic Administration) (415)
1-NY (100-78664) (JOHN T. MC MANUS) (41)
1-NY (100-78589) (EDNA WINSTON) (415)
1-NY (100-133594) (Faculty of Social Science) (41)
1-NY (100-34665) (LENA SCHERER) (422)
1-NY (100-89179) (BELLA ALTSHULER) (421)
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have refused to consider parole in the (WINSTON-GREEN) matter, but should new information be obtained in these cases it could be presented in January, 1950. BELLA asked ELIZABETH'S advice as to making a new appeal. ELIZABETH referred her to JOHN ABT or ARNOLD JOHNSON.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM *** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-102)

DATE: 11/20/59

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-34108)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
FUNDS (RESERVE FUNDS)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

THE INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE SHOULD NOT BE
INCORPORATED IN A REPORT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION IN ORDER
TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY AND THE OPERATIONS OF A HIGHLY PLACED
INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S* on November 19, 1959, orally furnished to
SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following page. This
information was reduced to writing on November 20, 1959.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- ③ - New York (RM)
 - 1 - 100-128861 (CP, USA, Funds (Reserve Funds))
 - 1 - 100-74560 (CP, USA, Funds)
 - ① - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
- 5 - Chicago
 - 1 - A)134-46
 - 1 - 100-17769 (CP, Illinois District, Funds)
 - 1 - 100-3470 (MORRIS CHILDS)
 - 1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)

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It has been learned that on November 19, 1959, MORRIS CHILDS gave PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party, USA, \$400.00 for the Communist Party, USA. CHILDS did not tell BART the source of this money. It has also been learned that CHILDS plans to turn over \$200.00 to the Communist Party of Illinois and will indicate that this is a donation to the Party without giving the source of the money.

The total of \$600.00, which is being turned over to the National Office for the Illinois District of the Communist Party, USA, was received by CHILDS from the Communist Party of China, which had collected the money from former members of the Communist Party, USA, currently residing in China.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579)
FROM : SA [Redacted]
SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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DATE: 11/20/59

The above captioned subject was observed entering and/or leaving 23 West 26th St., New York, New York.

NY 1726-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 4/21/57, that effective 4/15/57, the National and New York State offices of the Communist Party would occupy the premises at 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York.

NY 694-S* on 6/5/58, advised that the editorial staff of "The Worker" was to be moved into the building at 23 West 26th Street on 6/7,8/58.

NY 2002-S* on 6/20/58, verified the occupancy of the basement and first floor areas of building by the office staff of "The Worker," an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper.

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A log covering the above surveillance is being maintained in NY file 100-4931-Sub O.

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33729)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO FULLY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 8824-S*, on 11/23/59, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following page:

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3 - Bureau
3 - New York
 (1 - 100-86824)(CP-USA, International Relations)
 (1 - 100-81975)(CP-USA, Pamphlets and Publications)
 (1 - 97-169)(Publishers New Press)
 (1 - 100-86579)(PHIL MANT)
 (1 - 100-13444)(JOE NORTH)
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On November 10, 1959, PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, stated that JOE NORTH, of "The Worker", had recently left New York City for Cuba. One purpose of this trip was to cover the Labor Congress of the Cuban Confederation of Workers for "The Worker". However, of more importance was the fact that NORTH was instructed by the Communist Party - USA to contact some officials in the Cuban Government in an effort to obtain \$1,000 or \$2,000. This money would be used for the purpose of establishing a Latin American bulletin which would be disseminated among Latin Americans residing in the United States.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

11/24/59

SAC, NY (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
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(Weekly Summary 11/16-22/59)
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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject during a conversation with his wife, CONNIE, mentioned that GUS HALL was still in NY and was very busy coordinating a committee on youth work.

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NY 2359-S* advised that the subject was in attendance at a meeting of the Resident NEC of the CPUSA, held on the above date at CP National Headquarters, NYC.

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject mentioned to his wife that he had been at a hearing of the HCUA on that day on CP activities in Puerto Rico. He said that he had gone to the hearing with JACK (STACHEL) and PAT (WILLIAM PATTERSON). He said that during the hearing PATTERSON made a statement which refused to recognize the authority of the committee to investigate activities in Puerto Rico and was consequently expelled from the room. He said that as far as he knew no contempt charges have been made against PATTERSON and it is possible that the committee is afraid to.

Source advised that the subject later mentioned JIM TORNEY, Kings County CP organizer, and described him as a person who stands up for no one but himself. He said the trouble with TORNEY'S ideas are that he wants to be a big hero and do everything by himself. BART commented that TORNEY should use PATTERSON as he is a force in the Bedford-Stuyvesant Area of Brooklyn, however, he does not want to approach "PAT" because he is afraid he will be giving up some of the glory.

CONNIE BART then criticized TORNEY and said that she is sure TORNEY wants to get rid of her but does not know how. She said that all he wants to do is use young people which she is not against, but he is going about it the wrong way.

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NY 1749-S* advised that the subject contacted ISADORE WOFSY and they made arrangements to meet the following day at "WOFSY'S place."

Source also advised that the subject had contacted EDNA WINSTON and asked her to try to attend the 17th National Convention, possibly on Saturday, December 12th, in order to see "a lot of old friends."

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife were visited by AGNES WILLIS, Kings County Industrial organizer, and he had mentioned to her that he had recently been on CP business in Boston where he had visited with OTIS HOOD, who told him that he had recently spoke at Harvard. HOOD described his reception as wonderful and said that the students had taken all the literature he had brought up with him and they apparently could not get enough of it.

Source advised that a meeting of the Kings County CP board had taken place in the subject's apartment and that among those in attendance were: JIM TORMEY, WILLIAM PATTERSON, DANNY RUEEL, ANN FRIEDLANDER, AGNES WILLIS, and the subject's wife.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject during a conversation with his wife mentioned that BEN DAVIS had given him a dirty look when he had seen the subject talking to MIMI FRIEDLANDER, Bronx County CP organizer, about the Bronx County Convention. He said that FRIEDLANDER had told him that the entire convention had gone off very well except that a few left wingers had tried some disruptive tactics.

NY 1749-S* advised that MORRIS CHILDS, Chicago CP functionary, had contacted the subject and they made arrangements to meet after CHILDS visited with GENE DENNIS. CHILDS told the subject that his wife was in pretty bad condition and that she was in the hospital in Chicago.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed the impending 17th National Convention of the CP and the subject said that JACK STACHEL, IRVING POTASH, and ARNOLD JOHNSON would probably be all elected delegates to the convention. Source advised that CONNIE BART asked if GENE DENNIS would come as a delegate from Chicago, however, the source was unable to ascertain the subject's answer.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579)

DATE: 11/16/59

FROM : SA [Redacted]

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SUBJECT: PHIL BART
SM-C

The above captioned subject was observed entering and/or leaving 23 West 26th St., New York, New York.

NY 1726-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 4/21/57, that effective 4/15/57, the National and New York State offices of the Communist Party would occupy the premises at 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York.

NY 694-S* on 6/5/58, advised that the editorial staff of "The Worker" was to be moved into the building at 23 West 26th Street on 6/7,8/58.

NY 2002-S* on 6/20/58, verified the occupancy of the basement and first floor areas of building by the office staff of "The Worker," an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper.

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A log covering the above surveillances is being maintained in NY file 100-4931-Sub O.

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Via AIRTEL RM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

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 - (1- 100-3-89)(CPUSA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
 - (1- 100-3-76)(CPUSA-YOUTH MATTERS)
- 2 - Cleveland (RM)
 - (1- 100-421)(GUS HALL)
- 1 - NY (100-8057)(EUGENE DENNIS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-84994)(GUS HALL)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-16785)(JAMES JACKSON)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-1696)(ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-9595)(WILLIAM WEINSTONE)(416)
- 1 - NY (100-105078)(HY LUMER)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-18065)(JACK STACHEL)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-48033)(IRVING POTASH)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-23825)(BEN DAVIS)(416)
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- 1 - NY (100-16021)(ARNOLD JOHNSON)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-9365)(WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-89590)(CPUSA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-80640)(CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-86624)(CPUSA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-80644)(CPUSA-YOUTH MATTERS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-87211)(CPUSA-FACTIONALISM)(415)
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On 11/17/59, NY 2359-S* advised that the regularly scheduled meeting of the resident NEC, CPUSA, and invited guests was held on above date in the third floor board room CP Hoadquarters, NYC.

The following were in attendance:

EUGENE DENNIS
GUS HALL
JAMES JACKSON
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
WILLIAM WEINSTONE
HY LUMER
JACK STACHEL
PHIL BART
IRVING POTASH
BEN DAVIS, JR.
GEORGE MORRIS, and
ARNOLD JOHNSON

DENNIS announced the agenda as follows:

1. Report on WILLIAM Z. FOSTER'S article.
2. GEORGE MEANY'S proposal for government-labor management conference.
3. Report on theyouth conference.

JAMES JACKSON opened the meeting by reading a document which informant believed to have been written by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. The following points were noted:

The contribution to world peace made by KHRUSHCHEV through his visit to the US; said the CP must take a full share in the disarmament struggle. He said the CP must have a sharper trade union policy and must work with the progressive elements in the trade unions; the CP was inadequate in estimating the recent steel strike and the draft resolution is not clear on the question of the Labor Party and further that with regard to Negro work, the resolution is inadequate and underplays

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the role of the Party in the Negro struggle; the CP must organize a youth movement without further delay and a new youth organization should be founded as quickly as possible. The Jewish national question caused much revisionist disruption in the Party; regarding proletarian internationalism the Party must intensify its work and support campaigns of the USSR and other socialist countries. The right danger is the main danger in the Party and that the 16th convention was in error in declaring that the left danger was the main danger; the method of electing NC members adopted at the 16th convention was a wrong method and as a result threw the Party into a state of confusion. FOSTER also noted that there had been no membership drives since the last convention. He said a serious mistake of the 16th convention was not to have general officers and this decapitated the Party. The Party must have a national secretariat under a general secretary and he recommended GUS HALL for general secretary with DENNIS and DAVIS as co-chairmen. This set up would insure leadership which had been lacking in the Party and would insure adequate representation for Negro comrades. He said the NEC should consist of the national secretariat and five other members and the NC should consist of forty members, meeting approximately four or five times a year and they should be elected at the National Convention. He recommended that a membership drive should be undertaken stating that many who left the Party after the 16th convention could have been brought back in and the 17th convention must work out a sound program for rapid growth of the Party.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was critical of FOSTER'S article commenting that it was cut and dried, contained too much duplication and she personally was not in favor of having it published.

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WILLIAM WEINSTONE commented with regard to FOSTER'S statement on proletarian internationalism and said "If one were to call it to FOSTER'S attention he would see it. You can't formulate it that way. The American Party has always been a fighter for disarmament. Now that KHRUSHCHEV has put this issue forward to the acclaim of the world this issue has awakened the American people. I'm not forgetting about internationalism but the point is how do you do it? With a Party that has been slandered as traitors and conspirators and not only by the enemy but believed by many down below. For us to do that is just a serious mistake. I think sometimes we hesitated in the past to associate ourselves with the Soviet Union. Sometimes we did it wrongly, etc., but I think we can. We are not the French Party. The relationship between France and the Soviet Union is quite different from that of America. We are the other end of the battlefield and there is a battlefield to try to make KHRUSHCHEV appear as one that's organizing the Communists against the government."

WEINSTONE further remarked that FOSTER is overworked and that a delegation should be sent to see him. WEINSTONE noted that it was very difficult to talk to FOSTER. He also remarked that if the leadership situation is left to "drift" too near the convention it might develop into an explosive situation.

HY LUMER proposed that either FOSTER'S article not be published or if it is published we should place "our" position along side of it.

BEN DAVIS said that we should not do anything that would tend to sever relations with FOSTER and that the thing to do is to establish whether or not the article is harmful to the Party. He said that because the article is published does not mean that it is right or wrong or that it is going to be accepted, but DAVIS felt that the membership should read the article and make up their own minds. He said that the best thing is to have the membership distinguish what is good or bad and then they can make up their own minds.

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IRVING POTASH commented that if the article is printed it would have a tendency to give confusion and that there would never be a unified line as long as this confusion existed. He said that he was worried about FOSTER because of his health and if we refuse to recognize this (article) we will be doing great harm to the Party and an injustice to FOSTER.

GUS HALL proposed that they hold up publication of the article for a couple of days.

IRVING POTASH next spoke regarding a letter to President EISENHOWER from GEORGE MEANY whereby MEANY proposed that EISENHOWER should call a conference of industrial and trade union leaders for the purpose of obtaining a guiding principle to reduce the likelihood of strikes. He said that EISENHOWER has not endorsed nor rejected this proposal and that it has been sent to Secretary of Labor MITCHELL to explore. He said that MEANY'S letter should be characterized as one that feeds the cold war; that it fosters illusion among the workers and is diversionary in character. He noted that the next step would be to adopt an anti-strike legislation and recommended that there should be special articles on MEANY'S proposal in "The Worker" and possibly leaflets should be considered.

GEORGE MORRIS commented that just because MEANY made a proposition it should not be taken for granted that he had 100% support for it. He said the central thing to be considered is what MEANY is ready to give to the employers.

JACK STACHEL said that we should make clear that we are not opposed in principle to a conference, but that it is important to establish the object of the conference. He felt that a subcommittee should draft a statement in the name of the Party for the next issue of the paper.

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ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN expressed opposition to the labor-government conference because MEANY does not correctly give the labor viewpoint.

BEN DAVIS emphasized that MEANY has taken up "the question of the Soviet challenge" and by so doing has "put it in our lap", therefore, the Party must have further discussion on this matter.

IRVING POTASH said that we must not agree in any way with the conference and should make our position clear.

HY LUMER then gave a report on a recent youth conference (apparently held in Chicago). Informant noted that during this discussion the added security of the blackboard was utilized extensively. Among the points discussed were:

1. juvenile delinquency;
2. the youth march question;
3. the youth festival.

It was indicated that the Party should prepare its own juvenile delinquency program and should get out some Party literature on this question. It was also stated that youth march committees have become inactive due to a lack of any local programs. LUMER stated that at the Sunday session they took up the question of organization. The NY comrades proposed that a National Youth Commission be set up immediately with a full-time Party youth worker. However, it was decided that this proposal and others made at the conference would be sent out to the districts for discussion and the comments from the districts would be used as a basis for future planning. LUMER expressed the

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opinion that the conference showed a tendency on the part of the youth to come closer together on the nature of a youth organization. He felt that the NEC should have further discussions and take some steps along these lines.

Meeting adjourned.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 11/20/59

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-4284E)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
NEW JERSEY DISTRICT
NEWARK DIVISION
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED
OUTSIDE THE BUREAU UNLESS CAREFULLY AND PROPERLY PARAPHRASED.

[redacted] furnished the following information to
SAs JOHN A. HAAG and VINCENT E. MURPHY on 10/29/59.

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5 Bureau (REG. MAIL)

- (1 100-3-75) (CP, USA, NEGRO MATTERS)
- (1 100-3-104) (CP, USA, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)
- (1 100-) (CONNECTIONS OF THE CP, USA, WITH THE CP, SU)
- (1 100-15716)

7 New York (REG. MAIL)

- (1 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
- (1 [redacted])
- (1 100-87211) (CP, USA, FACTIONALISM)
- (1 100-80640) (CP, USA, NEGRO MATTERS)
- (1 100-129802) (CP, USA, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)
- (1 100-) (CONNECTIONS OF THE CP, USA, WITH THE CP, SU)
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- (1 100-4284U) (CP, USA, FACTIONALISM)
- (1 100-4284K) (CP, USA, NEGRO MATTERS)
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October 29, 1959

On [redacted]
of the COMMUNIST PARTY (CP), USA, met with [redacted]
and PHIL BART at CP, USA, Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street,
New York City, to discuss the [redacted] and the
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[redacted] which was substantially as follows:

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Shortly thereafter, a board of city [redacted]

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Upon receiving [redacted]

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suit. They were shocked that a Communist leader would talk in this manner.

The situation became increasingly worse. [redacted] thought that [redacted] This matter went from this to personalities, ill feelings, and charges. This matter became so heated that the question arose as to

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what is the Marxist attitude on this matter. Are they concerned

[REDACTED]

While the above situation was going on, there was some type of a housing conference called by the Mayor's Committee. [REDACTED] and other individuals, operating as

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[REDACTED] At this conference, [REDACTED] asked for the floor, and

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with the individuals involved.

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members of the Party, and there is nothing wrong with this. The Party does not set for itself the task of driving small people out of business at any time, but small landlords and small businessmen must have consciences. If they do not, they can expect no sympathy from the CP, or if they are members of the CP, they can expect no protection which big business would not be able to get.

[redacted] "What do we say about the steel corporations which have refused to meet with the union committees for the past three months? Did we support that? What is the difference if a small businessman finds himself in the same position and refuses to meet to discuss the question? Our attitude toward the steel situation is the same toward [redacted] The Party's attitude is the same whether they are big or small." b7D

BART and [redacted] the arising of this question and the distasteful manner in which it had come up just before the New Jersey District Convention. They saw in it the likelihood that it may contaminate or influence the convention itself as a result of the nasty nature of the entire matter.

A discussion followed as to what line they could take. They agreed there is no middle of the road. They either [redacted] or they do not support her.

[redacted] he was pleased to hear them say so because he did not want to do something and then at a later date have the National Office state it should have been handled otherwise. He stated he felt that they had no alternative. They could not support [redacted] and must so advise the other comrades because the name of the CP is at stake. BART and [redacted] this was all right with them, as it was the only manner in which to handle the matter.

BART, [redacted] then briefly discussed the National Negro Resolution of the CP, USA. [redacted] that [redacted] of the New Jersey CP and members of the State Board, oppose certain aspects of the resolution.

BART stated it was very interesting and odd that

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there is a substantial opposition to this resolution in New Jersey. Their information at the National Office is that this third draft of the Negro Resolution has clarified most of the earlier objections in practically all CP districts, and the Party as a whole now supports this resolution as compared to earlier accounts. They were mystified as to why this clarity did not extend to the group in New Jersey. As they saw it, there remained a strong sectarian influence on the part of [redacted] which made it impossible for them to see new things and the realities of the present situation. BART and [redacted] of these individuals as sectarian.

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[redacted] that an additional memorandum on this Negro Resolution is being sent out to all districts embodying a number of new and agreed changes. These changes, however, will not bear upon the central question but upon auxiliary points and non-basic aspects of the resolution. In other words, all it does is cross the T's and dot the I's.

[redacted] that when he visited Moscow this year, he had a long talk with KUUSINEN. (KUUSINEN is a leading member of the Soviet Central Committee. He is known as one of the chief leaders of the Comintern for many, many years. Furthermore, for many years, he was head of the Anglo-American Section of the Comintern. KUUSINEN, as such, participated in and played a leading part in the discussions of the American CP and its policy in the Comintern over a long period of time. As such, he participated in the discussions and arguments in 1930 around the question of the slogan of the right of self-determination. [redacted] had a lengthy meeting and discussion with KUUSINEN, at which time this question came up.)

[redacted] KUUSINEN as saying in a laughing manner, "What, is that slogan still kicking around? Why didn't you junk it even as far back as 1940?"

This was mentioned by BART and [redacted] during the discussion on this matter. They brought it up as an indication that this prominent leader, who took part in the establishment of the policy and slogan of the matter in question, considered it passe and having no further application.

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(It appears prima facie that this reference to KUUSINEN's statements and [redacted] meeting with him establishes that policies and tactics followed or to be followed, to be retained or to be rejected by the American Party are considered by, acted upon, and advised on by leaders of the CP, SU. This appears to be outstanding in these statements by BART and [redacted] It appeared to be an indirect admission by them and appeared quite clear that if KUUSINEN had expressed a contrary view of the elimination of the slogan of self-determination that the American Party today would not be eliminating it.)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: November 21, 1959

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-13475)

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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Re New York Office telephone call to New Haven Office 11/13/59 advising subject departed New York City via New Haven Railroad at 4:37 PM, 11/13/59, due to arrive Bridgeport, Conn. at 6:01 PM.

Fisur instituted by New Haven Office pursuant referenced telephone call and the following activity observed:

Subject and JACOB GOLDRING observed to enter GOLDRING's residence 1183 Old Town Road, Bridgeport, Conn., at approximately 6:25 PM, 11/13/59.

GOLDRING and subject departed GOLDRING's residence at approximately 8:10 PM and proceeded via GOLDRING's personal car to New Haven, Conn. arriving at residence of SIDNEY TAYLOR, 120 Valley Street, New Haven at approximately 8:51 PM.

At approximately 10:55 PM, JACOB GOLDRING observed to depart TAYLOR residence alone and proceed to his residence at Bridgeport, Conn. arriving at approximately 11:36 PM.

At approximately 8:21 AM, 11/14/59, subject and SIDNEY TAYLOR observed leaving TAYLOR's residence in TAYLOR's automobile and proceed to the New Haven Railroad Station.

At approximately 8:57 AM, 11/14/59, subject boarded New Haven Railroad train #6 which departed New Haven at 9:02 AM and was scheduled to arrive at Boston, Mass. at 11:45 AM.

New Haven Office had no informant coverage concerning the above activity. Fisur logs pertaining to above are maintained in files of New Haven Office.

The above information was furnished to the Boston and New York Offices by telephone on 11/14/59.

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- 4 - New Haven (1 - 100-13475) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-9851, CP, USA)
 - (1 - 100-1873, SIDNEY TAYLOR)
 - (1 - 100-11228, JACOB GOLDRING)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-7908)

DATE: 11/16/59

FROM : SA LEO M. MCGINN

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

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From [Redacted]

Concealment and Reliability BS T- , who has furnished reliable information in the past

Date and Description: [Redacted]

Date Received: 10/29/59

Received by: SA LEO M. MCGINN

Location: [Redacted]

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In view of the sensitivity of this informant, the utmost care must be utilized to carefully paraphrase this information prior to dissemination in order to protect the identity of this informant.

cc: 3-Detroit (RM)
100- [Redacted]
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100- CP, NEGRO QUESTION

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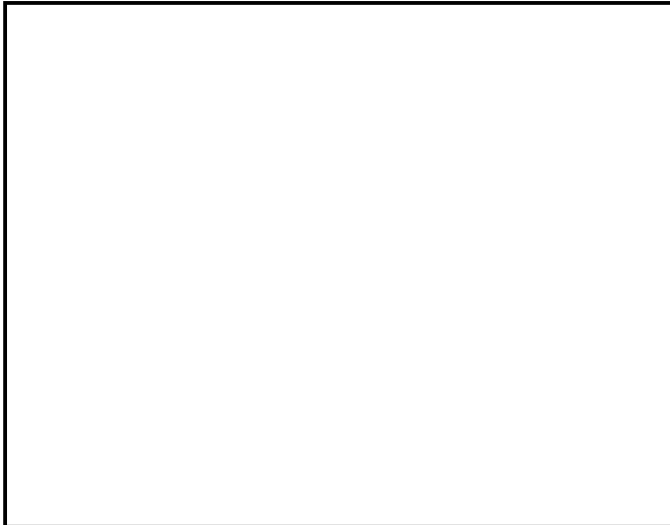
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Informant's report, dated [redacted] follows:

[redacted]

"On Sunday, [redacted] meeting of the [redacted] Communist Party was held in the [redacted] Massachusetts. Those attending were:

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"The following took place before setting up an agenda:

[redacted] read a letter which he had drafted to send to [redacted] relative to BOB's death.

[redacted] announced that they had sent a wreath which had cost \$12.50 to BOB's funeral.

"A memorial meeting is being planned in BOBBY GOODWIN's memory. There was some mention as to how soon it should be held and who should be in charge. They decided they should have a committee from the District Committee to work with the people [redacted]. It was proposed that inasmuch as the 35th Anniversary of 'The Worker' was to be held in January, we possibly should develop the memorial meeting around that because BOB was so devoted to 'The Worker.'

"On the agenda was (1) The Draft Political Resolution, and (2) The District Convention with some of the arrangement plans.

[redacted] on the Draft Political Resolution.

As an introduction to his report, he mentioned that particularly in the New England area the situation had changed from a year ago. There was definitely more enthusiasm for the Party today than existed a year ago when there were so many people who were for dissolving the Party.

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[redacted] we had gone over the top on the Fund Drive which he felt was indicative of the enthusiasm and better unity in this area. He added that there had also been more club meetings held.

"In discussing the Draft Resolution he felt that any Draft Resolution should, first, give our Party a policy and a line capable of moving our comrades into action; secondly, that it should unite our Party; and third, that it should help unite our ideas. He felt there should be sharp and definite criticisms made, that it was only from the sharpness which takes place around an inner Party struggle that unity is established.

"He said in his opinion the presentation of the Draft was wrong. It failed to correctly set out the influence of the USSR on the foreign policy of the USA, that the USSR today definitely influenced the foreign policy of the USA. He said because of some of the accomplishments of the USSR, the USA has had to change its tactics and he felt that the Draft Resolution was therefore incomplete.

"He said recently in Boston there had been a hockey game between Harvard and some players from the USSR. It had been a great many years since the Harvard Hockey Team got out the crowd that went to see the game and he felt that was the influence of the USSR reaching the masses in this country.

"He said the Draft Resolution also did not go into East-West trade that KHRUSHCHEV had spoken of here, and that it lacked any concrete suggestions as to improving East-West trade.

"He raised the question of jobs for Negroes, saying that this was definitely a job for our Party to tackle and there was no mention of this in the Draft Resolution.

[redacted] by criticizing Part V of the Draft Resolution, 'The 1960 Elections.' He said that no mention was made of the peace steps taken by EISENHOWER and NIXON's trip to Russia, all part of EISENHOWER's program. He felt that a great contribution had been made by KHRUSHCHEV in his evaluation of EISENHOWER as a peace force in the world and that the Draft Resolution should have made some evaluation of EISENHOWER's role at this time. He felt that the Draft Resolution supported the Democratic Party and he did not think this was a correct line for our Party to take. He said that it should instead have gone into exposing the TRUMANS and the KENNEDYS, and that it did not recognize what has happened in the Democratic Party. He made mention of the Landers Bill, which he said is a very anti-worker bill, put through by the Democratic Party. He felt that the Draft Resolution should have instead explored the possibility of a Farmer-Labor Party. It also failed to sharply point out the anti-war measure of the 30-hour week.

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[redacted] that in relation to Latin America great improvement could also be made within the Draft. He thought that our leaders should become experts on Latin America.

[redacted] in referring to the Introduction to the Draft Resolution said it should have declared that this was a draft to move us towards Socialism.

"In general comment [redacted] that this was the draft that [redacted] had presented once before and he could not see that the thing had changed much from the time [redacted] it at a Nat. Committee meeting.

[redacted] brought up the question of Hungary, stating that he felt the Party should have included in the Draft Resolution a section on Hungary. He said we never adequately tackled the question of Hungary the way we should have and that part of the difficulty we previously faced in the Party, the inner Party struggle, factionalism and revisionism, was attributable to this fact.

"PHIL B/RT spoke next. He said that he disagreed with [redacted] on the Hungarian situation and asked, 'What are you going to accomplish talking about this?' He said [redacted] was very wrong in stating that this was [redacted] This was a report from the people on the National level who had worked on it and helped develop it. He said it was not a perfect Draft because it was made by humans who are never

"perfect. He felt, however, that at this time this Draft was definitely a basis for a correct line. He criticized [redacted] because he did not discuss the Resolution. He said all he had heard from [redacted] had disagreed with. He said the greatest problem facing us today was, 'How you do your work.' This must be solved. He felt that the Draft raised many questions we had to develop. It was not perfect or final but he was in agreement with it. b7D

"BART said there were certain things that occurred since the last Convention. We were more united within the Party, that at the National level people were much better united than they were.

"He said that peace was a primary issue but not the only issue. He said that we were going into a new period and when you go into a new period new things develop. We had to see all things in relation to the cold war policy of DULLES which was to isolate the Socialists in the world. He brought up the Baghdad Pact as an example where this did not work. He said in this country and all over the world there has been a change in the alignment of forces. There were many new alignments taking place, and one place that this was happening was at the United Nations. He said there is definitely a change taking place in United Nations, particularly in relation to some of the South American countries.

"BART mentioned the meetings that have taken place between people who have gone to Russia and people who have come to the United States from Russia. One of the results of KHRUSHCHEV's meeting with EISENHOWER was that the question of peace had become legalized.

"BART said a struggle was taking place within the Democratic and Republican parties today, and that our job is to try to develop a line of force within these parties which is to the left of center.

"BART said we had a job to do in the labor unions, and that this is pointed out in the Draft. The greatest amount of pressure for peace must be developed in the labor unions and this is a job for our Communists today. We have to recognize the fact that certain problems exist. He said the question of peace vs jobs had to be approached correctly. We should ask ourselves,

" 'Does the Resolution help me as an individual develop this mass work?' and 'How can we develop the masses and give them leadership?' He said that the line of an anti-monopoly coalition as presented by the Draft Resolution was correct. He said the important thing for us today was to develop the strategic objective of an anti-monopoly party but that you had to have a base from which you could start operating. This would not be the same in each locality but rather it would depend on the type of community relationship an individual had developed. For an example, it would make a difference whether you were active in the Democratic or Republican Party. He said the Draft Resolution was not a blanket approval of either party and our immediate goal was this strategic objective of developing an anti-monopoly coalition in either party. He said the various problems encountered would be different in Massachusetts than say in another state. In some of the Southern states problems might come up about getting the Negroes to vote. In Massachusetts in 1960 for those of us in the Democratic Party the #1 question would be, 'How can we answer the KENNEDY issue?' He explained KENNEDY was involved in the Landers Bill and had voted for it. He said one of our main tasks was to develop a means of raising this and, if we are unable, to get others to raise it. He called the bill a full employment for lawyers law. He thought because of [redacted] in the Democratic Party we should be concentrating on KENNEDY in the North Shore area. b7D

"BART then talked about the success the Negroes have been having in Detroit, Michigan. He said a labor leaders conference had been held there and that a [redacted] and the Communist Party in that area had been directly involved in developing it.

"BART said we are taking a new course and you have to have a body of experience to develop a new course. This did not mean that we would not make mistakes or learn from past mistakes. It also did not mean that we had to isolate ourselves from the masses. The big question facing people today is that there is a co-existent Socialist world and imperialistic world. He pointed out that you had to develop a Communist Party within a country with conditions existing as they are within that country. In the United States you would not develop Socialism as in Russia. MARX and ENGLES had both pointed this out and said the same tactics would not work here as there.

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[redacted] said MARX had foreseen that Socialism would develop out of the most influential capitalist society. She said it had not worked out that way, that Russia had developed Socialism first.

[redacted] His criticism of the Draft Resolution was that the line was not clearly defined and consequently created a lot of confusion. He felt that it should be further defined as a prospective for breaking the imperialist powers. He said that there were certain new laws developing today which had never been considered. We had to think about them. He said the law of maximum profit has moved into a new capitalist survival law. This law of capitalist survival is a new law operating in a new period of history.

"He said we should build any program on the question of peace but nevertheless had to develop methods of work. There are a great many forces within this country that are holding back the cry or possibility of peace. We had to be aware that there are still capitalists who want war, and there are still a great many propagandists for a cold war. He felt that these should be pointed out more precisely. He said there was also a certain weakness in the construction of the Draft in the way it was put together, and in the way it was consolidated. He felt things were left out and thought the Draft could be improved if issues were more correlated.

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[redacted] He felt that [redacted] had done a lot for the Party, that he had probably done more for the Party in the past than any other person on the District Committee. He said one of the things he had done that had resulted in much sharper discussions than we had before was to bring out the arguments. Maybe his way of presenting them was not correct, but it at least created free discussion. He also said that insofar as the Hungarian situation was concerned, it was an issue the Party had 'ducked.' They had not gone into the thing, and he thought [redacted] correct in bringing that out. [redacted] in the past people had made a lot of criticism of [redacted] that was unwarranted and he wanted to bring that up.

[redacted] there was a great deal of room for improvement in the Draft Political Resolution and if we criticized it it was constructive criticism. He thought that was what [redacted] attempted to do.

[redacted] He said he felt [redacted] had been too sharp on the thing. He was very fond of [redacted] but related that he had had a recent experience with him which involved saying the wrong thing. He said it concerned a visit by [redacted] to the home of his [redacted] brother-in-law with whom he and his wife, [redacted] intend to live. He said the brother-in-law is treasurer of a company and a capitalist. [redacted] during this visit, made some statement to the effect that they did not want any capitalists in the Party and that they were no good. [redacted] said the man was definitely a capitalist, but nevertheless supported the left, and by handling him right he and his wife had a chance for a good home. The man had always given very generously to people on the left and he might have to depend on him for support. [redacted] that there were certain capitalists of this nature that he felt would be welcome in our ranks and he did not think [redacted] should have made the statement he did. It was not the right thing to say to any man like his brother-in-law as it would tend to alienate him from us.

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[redacted] He brought up the fact that we had discussed the Referendum and the Draft Resolution at a former District Committee meeting. He mentioned that we had voted against the Referendum and that the thing that bothered him was that some of the things we acted on at the District Committee was the type of thing we did not know anything about. He did not see why the District Committee had to vote on such things. He thought the Draft Resolution was good, and that it was acceptable to him. He thought the line was proper, development of an anti-monopoly coalition movement,

[redacted] He said since [redacted] had been brought out, and the Draft was not being discussed, he was going to say a few words so that we could get back to discussing the Draft Resolution. He said he did not question [redacted] sincerity, but there were times when [redacted] said things to people and he was not the best diplomat when he did it. He felt that [redacted] should be more careful when he involved other people such as mentioning the name of [redacted]. On a great many occasions he knew that [redacted] did a great deal for the Party. He said this past week his wife and some other women in Sharon had a meeting attended by [redacted]. His wife

"told him that [] lent a great deal to the meeting, and observed that when you get talking about personalities it should be remembered that we are all not perfect. He said if we look instead to the things [] has accomplished, we would find they far outweigh any harm done.

[] spoke. She thought the Draft Resolution should clear up the issue of how labor and peace forces should work to force concessions from the political powers. She said that we furthermore should be developing independent political action to gain more concessions for the workers. She said this was something the Draft Resolution did not go into extensively enough. She took issue with [] on his remarks about [] having done so much for the Party, and said there were other comrades on the District Committee who have done just as much as []. In fact, [] should remember one District Committee meeting at which she was attacked by [] and at no other time had she as a District Committee member come so close to leaving the District Committee. Not that she would leave the Party, but she had come very close to leaving the District Committee. She said there were other people who had done as much for the Party as [] and brought out that [] had spoken before a group of Harvard University students. She said he was doing something for the Party in bringing out our viewpoint, and we had too few people of his ability to do that type of work. She felt that the Draft was good but it needed greater clarification.

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[] He was more or less in agreement with []. He felt that the main line of the Party should be directed toward establishing peace in the world. He said that the main line of the Draft Resolution was the development of an anti-monopoly coalition, and he felt it should be toward the development of peace. He said [] by his actions had been encouraging discussion from within the group. He did not think [] should be attacked for his viewpoint and thought, himself, that there could be a lot of improvement in the Draft Resolution.

[] She said there were a couple of things she wanted to bring up. One was that everything is always in a process of change and thought that everyone on the District Committee should be able to see a big

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"change for the better in [] since he first assumed his present position. She said she had been one of the rank and file members who in previous years had taken direction from a leadership who had no knowledge of the particular problem she had to go out and handle. She said she had a certain admiration for a man like [] who got out and talked as well as worked. She said that although there were still things in the area that needed attention she did not believe anyone could have straightened out all these things in the time he has been in his position. Another thing was [] reference to the Referendum. She said her understanding of that vote was somewhat different than []. She understood the District Committee had voted against it because they did not feel they had enough information on it, and even though they voted against it, they left their vote open in case they got more information on it. [] agreed with her.

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[] said her criticism of the Draft Resolution was that it was not clear enough. It did not contain any knowledge of 'how' we are to obtain these things.

"She said that so far as PHIL being disturbed over whether peace or anti-monopoly coalition was the main issue, she did not see how they could be separated. If we had a good strong anti-monopoly coalition it would be easier for us to obtain peace, and if we had a strong peace it would be easier for us to obtain an anti-monopoly coalition. She said our main task was to make the masses recognize that their political activities and their politics also affected their economic life. She thought the Draft Resolution was good direction, but not concrete enough:

"Neither [] had anything to say about the Draft Resolution.

[] said someone wanted to appoint him as a police commissioner in Fall River, but he said he would not take it unless it was an elective office.

"It was finally decided we should discuss the Draft Political Resolution at our next meeting, which is to be November 15. PHIL BART brought out that some of the questions raised on the Draft Political Resolution were answered in the Draft Resolution on the Negro question.

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"He said someone should come up from New York and discuss the Negro Draft Resolution. Someone suggested that he come up again.

[] read some literature she had in regard to the 17th Convention of the Communist Party in New York which runs from the 10th to the 13th of December. We will be allowed representation according to the number of our dues paying members. All dues should be brought up to date, and she urged all of us to check dues and make a special attempt to collect them. A delegate to the National Convention had to be a member in good standing for at least two years. If you have less than fifty Party members you will be entitled to one delegate at the Convention; from 50 to 99 members, you will be entitled to two; and 100 or more you will be entitled to three. [] said they also asked that an alternate be appointed to attend. She said the last time she had a checkup with anyone we had 84 paid up Party members. Since then she had paid over \$300.00 to BART, which meant that we had about 108 or 112 dues paying members. Accordingly, she said we will be entitled to three delegates.

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[] announced that we, ourselves, will hold a Convention that will consist of two sessions. The first session will be held Saturday evening and all day Sunday, either November 21 and November 22 or November 28 and November 29, 1959. The second session will be held following the National Convention. Saturday will be devoted to the keynote speech and Sunday to the election of delegates to the National Convention and other Party business such as a resume of [] work in the area.

"They decided to seat at the District Convention members-at-large of the District Committee and then let the Convention decide whether they were to vote or not. She said that every club be asked to vote for two delegates and that same restrictions will apply as to the delegates to the National Convention, that is, that their dues be paid through October, 1959.

"In order to resolve certain security problems in regard to holding the District Convention a committee will be formed to obtain a suitable place to hold the Convention, and to organize car pools. As to transportation, it is planned that one person will bring in all the delegates of his particular area.

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[] made the comment that the security regulations on the last Convention were such that he did not know where the Convention was to be held until he met two individuals who were not even delegates who told him where it was to be held. The matter of this Committee was referred to the Executive Board to handle.

"The possibility of asking someone from Haverhill and Springfield who might consider themselves Party members but not attached to a club to attend was discussed. However, no action was taken on this. b7D

"As to the location of the District Convention, someone suggested we hire a ski lodge. [] asked, 'Why not hire some place in town like the Statler Hotel?' If anyone knows of any suitable place available we are to let [] When the question of security came up, [] that we should make provision to get the food there ahead so that no one would have to go out during the day.

"We voted to sanction the expenditure of \$12.50 for [] wreath.

"PHIL BART mentioned that he attended some meeting Friday night in town. He did not further comment regarding this.

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[] Information contained in the receipt follows:

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'December 10, 11, 12, 13 - 1959
New York City

'I have paid the National Assessment
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'National Committee C.P.U.S.A.'

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At Sharon, Massachusetts:

Will identify [redacted] brother-in-law and index that person to this serial.

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Will also determine possible present residence of [redacted] with the above mentioned relative at Sharon, Massachusetts.